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Charter of the Military Company of the MassachusettsA Generall Courte, houlden at Boston, the 13th of the First Month, A D 1638. & Confirmed by the Generall Court

Whereas divers gentlemen & others, out of their care of the publike weale & safety by the advancement of the military arte, & exrcise of armes, have desired licence of the Courte to joyne themselves in one company, & to have liberty to exercise themselves at such times as their occations will best permit & that such other liberties; & privledges might bee granted them at the Court shallk thinke meete for their better incuragement & furtherance in so usefull impliment, wch request of theirs being referred by the Court to vs of standing councell, wee have throught fitt upon serious consideration, & conference wth diverse of the principall of them, to set downe order hearin, as followeth

Imprimis, wee do order, that Robert Keayne, Nathaniell Duncan, Robert Sedgivick. Willi: Spencer, gentlemen, & such other as are already joyned wth them, & such as they shall from time to time take into their company shalbee called the Millitary Company of the Massachusetts.

1. They, or the greater number of them, shall have liberty to choose their captaine, leittenant & all other officers, (their captaine & Ieiftenant to bee alwayes such as the Court or counsell shall alow of,) & no officer to bee put upon them but of their owne choyce.
2. The first Monday in every month is appointed for their meeting & exercise, & to the end they may not bee hindered from comeing together, wee do hereby order, that no other traineings in the particuler townes, nor other ordinary towne meetings, shalbee appointed on that day; & if that day pve unseasonable for exercise of their armes, then the sixth of the same weeke is appointed for supply; this not to extend to Salem, or the townes beyond, nor to Hingham, Weimoth, Dedham, nor Concord.
3. They have liberty & power to make orders among themselves for the better maunaging of their millitary affaires, (weh orders are to bee of force when they shall bee alowed by the Court or counsell) & they may appoint an officer to levy any fines or forfeitures wch they impose upon any of their owne company, for the breach of any such order, so as the same exceed not twenty shillings for any one offence.
4. The said millitary copany are to have one thousand acres of land in some such place as may not be piudiciall to any plantation, to bee granted by the Court to some of the said company, for the use of the pesent company, & such as shall succeede in the same, to bee improved by them wthin a time convenient for pviding or necessaries for their millitary exercises, & defraying of other charges whch may arise by occation thereof.
5. The said company shall have liberty, at the times before appointed, to assemble themselves for their millitary exercises in any towne wthin this jurisdiction, at their owne pleasures.

Provided, alwayes, that this order or grant or anything therein contained, shall not extend to free the said company, or any of them, their psons or estates, from the civill government & jurisdiction heare established.

Jo: Winthrop, Govr.
Tho: Dudley, Depu

Captain John E. Bradley

Captain Commanding

The Two Hundred and Ninety-Ninth Commander

From the Captain

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 299th Commander. To serve as the Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is a distinguished honor. When I entered this great company in 1969,1 never dreamed that one day I would be in command. To know that my portrait will hang on the walls of our Armory in Faneuil Hall with the other distinguished past Commanders of this historic organization is both humbling and rewarding.

As the third oldest chartered military organization in the World, and the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company has a rich tradition and commitment to 'Facta Non Verba' - 'Deeds not Words' and 2007-2008 was no exception.

Contributors to Communities Worldwide

For over 100 years this Company has represented the Commonwealth and Nation on numerous overseas trips all over this world. Under my leadership, our Fall Field Tour to Romania and United Kingdom was highlighted with the dedication of a monument in memory of the American soldiers who served in Romania during World War II.

The 378 troops, mostly airmen, were killed while executing bombing raids on Romania's oil fields and transport infrastructure, at a time when Romania was a Nazi Germany ally. As carved on the monument: 'They gave their today for our tomorrow.'

I am grateful for the generous contributions from many Ancients who helped to make this memorial a reality. And as with endeavors such as this, we further developed new friendships with emerging democracies of Eastern Europe.

Guardians of Patriotic Traditions

This company, in and of itself, is living history keeping alive traditions dating to 1638 and before. Representative of this tradition was our presentation of the American flag that had been flown on the USS Constitution to Lieutenant Commander John Scivier, HMS Victory's Commanding Officer on the 29th of September, Nelson's birthday.
In the words of Lieutenant Commander Scivier: "It was a great honor to be able to accept this flag from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and USS Constitution. HMS Victory has a long standing relationship with Constitution and the chance to exchange flags further reinforces that special bond."

Fraternity Bound by Leadership Values

The year was also made special by the insightful presentations of many to our Guest Speaker program. We were fortunate to have for President's Day: Rear Admiral Mark W. Kenny, USN-Submarine Counterterrorism; and for June Day the Honorable Jeb Bush, Former Governor of Florida. Our thought leaders proved both inspirational and practical in their ability to share how they have adapted to new situations and successfully navigated through complex change.

Our first Captain Commander Robert Keayne said it best: "It always seems impossible until it is done." Together - throughout 2007 and 2008 - we accomplished much. Thank you all for a fulfilling and rewarding year.

With great respect,
Captain John E. Bradley
Captain Commanding 2007-2008

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Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

Roster of Officers and Committees

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2007-2008

APPOINTED SENIOR COMMISSIONED STAFF

CHIEF OF STAFF	COL Stuart P. Tauber, PC
CHIEF OF STAFF EMERITUS	BG Albert G. Fiorenza, PC
ADJUTANT	COL Thomas Richter

ELECTED SENIOR COMMISSIONED STAFF

QUARTERMASTER	LT Leon J. LeBlanc
PAY MASTER	MAJ Robert M. McGuire
COMMISSARY	LT Brett P. Henry
PERSONNEL & ADJUTANT & CLERK	LT Arthur F. Conrad

APPOINTED COMMISSIONED STAFF

SURGEON	LT Peter L. Lou, M.D.
ASSISTANT SURGEONS	LT James M. Gibbons, M.D. LT. Hernando Romero, M.D.
JUDGE ADVOCATE	LT Paul B. Carroll
ORDINANCE OFFICER	LT John S. Marini
AIDES TO THE CAPTAIN	LT Winston Watson LT Richard D. Corsetti, II
WING ADJUTANT – INFANTRY	LT Frank R. Caruso
WING ADJUTANT – ARTILLERY	LT Nicholas A. Rioux
MEDICAL OFFICER	LT Charles F. Monahan, Jr.
EX OFFICIO MEDICAL OFFICER	COL Richard C. Caparso
DENTAL OFFICER	COL Kent H. Perry, DDS
LIASON OFFICER	LT John W. Keith
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	LT Richard W. Ronder
TRAINING OFFICER	LTC Arthur O'Malley

FUNCTION OFFICER	LT Peter S. Donadio
CHAPLAINS	LT Bartley MacPhaiden, CSC [C] BG Robert M. Durkee [P] CPT Frank M. Waldorf [J]
ASSISTANTS TO CHAPLAINS	COL Bob Sheridan [C] SGT Lawrence W. Berman [J]

ELECTED SERGEANTS OF INFANTRY

1st SGT Charles A. MacDonald
2nd SGT Robert J. Corsetti
3rd SGT Michael R. Horan
4th SGT Martin J. Greco
5th SGT David W. Graham
6th SGT Phillip A. Sheppard

ELECTED SERGEANTS OF ARTILLERY

1st SGT C. Justin P. Colella
2nd SGT Edward F. Johnson, Jr.
3rd SGT William T. Horan
4th SGT Anthony C. Musto
5th SGT Steven L. Haywood
6th SGT Michael E. Creed

ELECTED COMMITTEES FOR 2007-2008

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LT Charles J. Deegan, Chairman – to June 2008
LT James A. Lynch, III – to June 2009
CPT H. Stanley Stoney, Jr. – to June 2010
LT Gerard C. McCarthy, Secretary – to June 2011
LT Paul E. Nader, Sr. – to June 2012

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND

LT Michael S. Biskup, Chairman – to June 2008
CPT John J. Rocco, Secretary – to June 2009
COL Robert E. Welch, Jr. – to June 2010
LT Dennis C. O'Brien, Treasurer – to June 2011
LT Domenic Previte – to June 2012

MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY COMMITTEE

LT Ronald B. Ledoux – to June 2008
LTC Salvatore F. Stramondo, Chairman – to June 2009
LT Frank M. Kemp, Secretary – to June 2010
CDR Redmond L. Clevenger – to June 2011
LT Lawrence A. Willwerth, III – to June 2012

APPOINTED SENIOR NON-COMISSIONED STAFF

SERGEANT MAJOR
SGT Thomas J. Furey, III

QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT
LT John E. Riggs

QUARTERMASTER ASSISTANTS
SGT John S. Mitchell
CDR Francis S. Pierce
SGT Eric Sigillo

PAYMASTER SERGEANT
SGT Peter S. Krippendorf

ORDERLY
SGT Michael D'Auria

PERSONNEL SERGEANT
1ST SGT Brain Ward

MEDICAL SERGEANT
1ST SGT Roy S. Chase, Jr.

TRAINING SERGEANTS
SGM George P. Bruno, Jr.
CPT Charles J. McCarthy
LTC Walter B. Stamper
SGT James W. Weydt

COMMISSARY SERGEANT
LT Angelo Parrella

FUNCTION SERGEANTS
SGT Anthony D. Donadio
LT Brian J. Magner

GUIDON BEARER – INFANTRY
LT James W. Weydt

GUDION BEARER – ARTILLERY
LT Theodore A. Sarandis

FLANKERS TO THE CAPTAIN
SSG Kevin J. Romano
SGT Dragos Vranceanu

SERGEANT BUGLER
MSG Gerald S. Davidson

SERGEANT DRUMMER
LT Henry R. Vozzella

COLOR SERGEANT IN COMMAND

NATIONAL

MSGT Gerard Kelly

STATE

SGT Brian W. O'Malley, ROD

CITY

S/SGT John S. Tassinari

CENTENNIAL

S/SGT Jack S. Tassinari, Sr.

POW

S/SGT Dragos Vranceanu

AHAC

S/SGT John B. Quinci

RIFLEMEN (2)

S/SGT Daniel H. Carroll, Jr.
S/SGT Peter A. Petrillo

MEMBERS

SSG E. Steve Banis, Jr.
SGT Michael Cullin
S/SGT Peter S. Krippendorf
S/SGT Eugene D. Lussier
1st LT William R. Mason
S/SGT P. Christopher Podgurski
S/SGT Kevin J. Romano
S/SGT Theodore A. Sarandis
MAJ John F. Welch

APPOINTED COMMITTEES FOR 2007-2008

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

LT Marc A. McNulty, Chairman
SSG Christopher Podgurski, Vice-Chairman
LTC Enoch O'D. Woodhouse, II, Secretary

MEMBERS

LT Kevin A. Bullock
SGT Bernard J. Doherty
SGT Stuart A. Dudley
LT S. Andrew Efstathiou
CPT Robert F. Emens
Robert D. Engel
MSG Augustus J. Grace
LT Thomas W. Maguire
SGT Brian F. Mahoney
SSG Brian W. O'Malley, RAD
COL John A. Pacella
William G. Scherer

MILITARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

BG Gary A. Pappas, Chairman
COL Bernard A. Flynn, Vice-Chairman
CPT Harry H. Weinberg, Secretary
SGT Eric C. Siglio, Asst. Secretary

MEMBERS

BG Joseph T. Amendolare
SGM George P. Bruno, Jr.
LT James P. Clements
COL James A. Greenwood
LT Leroy F. Jarrett
BG Francis A. LaBollita
COL James R. Littleton
CSM Robert A. Lucas
1ST SGT Ryan C. Noterman
COL David F. O'Brien
Frances J. O'Rourke
COL Timothy C. O'Shea
LT Christopher Peatridge
COL Robert H. Pessin
MAJ Donald F. Phillips
SGM George D. Reynolds, Jr.
BG Daniel J. Walker

EX OFFICIO

COL Thomas E. Richter, Adjutant
LT Arthur O'Malley, Training Officer
LT Leon J. LeBlanc, Quartermaster

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

BG John W. Carlson, Chairman
LT Michael P. Dorn, Vice-Chairman
COL James R. Littleton, Secretary

MEMBERS

COL Gerard J. Hayes
LTC John L. Howard
COL J. Albert Johnson
MSG Gerald F. Kelly
CSM Robert A. Lucas
LTC Robert S. Mirabito
COL Peter E. Mugford
CPT Albert J. Mundo
Francis J. O'Rourke
CDR Richard P. Pelosi
LT Brian R. Pollock
COL William J. Raabe
SGM George D. Reynolds, Jr.
CPT Angelo C. Sciarratta
LT Robert E. Shea
CPT Robert D. Sheehan, Sr.
LTC Walton B. Stamper
LTC Enoch O'D. Woodhouse, II
LT Franklin A. Zarba
COL Edward A. Zullo

EX OFFICIO

COL Thomas E.Richter, Adjutant
LT Leon J. LeBlanc, Quartermaster
LT John F. McCauley, Curator
BG Emery A. Maddocks, Jr., Executive Secretary

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COMMITTEE

LT Cornelius J. O'Leary, Chairman
CPT Robert J. Brady, Jr., Vice Chairman
LT Bradford Pottle, Secretary

MEMBERS

CPT Charles J. McCarthy, Jr.
LT Marc A. McNulty
SGT John S. Mitchell
CPT George M. Morrison, PC
CDR Francis S. Pierce
LT Nicholas Schiarizzi
LT Robert S. Tringali

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

CPT Paul G Krause, Chairman
LT Robert W. Murray, Vice Chairman
SGT Daniel F. Cook, Secretary

MEMBERS

LT Robert D. Connors
LT Gary J. Litchfield
LT Brian J. Magner
LT Michael J. Verrochi, III

LONDON ASSOCIATION

MG James A. Lynch, Jr., Chairman
CPT Paul G. Knouse, Vice-Chairman
LT Robert F. Danner, Secretary
LT James A Lynch III, Treasurer

BOSTON COMMITTEE

LT Christopher Peatridge, Chairman
MG John Cremens, PC, Vice-Chairman
LT Paul Morrill, Secretary

OLD NORTH CHURCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

LT Norman G. Limoges, Chairman
LT Russell E. Taskey, Jr., Vice Chairman
LT William P. Kiley, Secretary

MEMBERS

LT Joseph J. Brodigan
LT Paul V. Buckley
BG Mario DiCarlo
COL James A. Greenwood
LT Barton K. Hyte
LT Francis J. Magaletta
LT Arthur F. Noterman
CDR Richard P. Pelosi
LTC Salvatore F. Stramondo

STANDING COMMITTEE

CPT John E. Bradley, Chairman
1ST LT Michael W. Downing, Vice Chairman
2ND LT Paul J.Covell
LT Arthur F. Conrad, Secretary
MAJ Robert M. McGuire, Paymaster

MEMBERS

LT Michael S. Biskup
LT Charles J. Deegan
LT Frank M. Kemp
LT Gerard C. McCarthy
CPT Paul E. Morrill, PC
CPT John J. Rocco
LTC Salvatore F. Stramondo

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BG Emery A. Maddocks, Jr.

CURATOR

LT John F. McCauley

HONOR ROLL OF PAST COMMANDERS

YEAR	NAME	TRIP
1974-1975	BG Robert Marr	Moscow/Copenhagen/ Dublin
1975-1976*	COL Ernest Montillio	Rome/Tel Aviv/ Jerusalem
1976- 1977*	MG John Cremens	Rio deJaneiro
1977-1978	CPT Robert Murphy	India/Yugoslavia
1978-1979	MG James Lynch	London/Brussels
1979-1980*	LCDR George Peznola	San Juan/Montreal
1980-1981	CPT J. Barry Driscoll	Ottawa/Vancouver
1981-1982*	CDR Herbert Tonry	Honolulu/San Francisco
1982-1983*	COL William Dipesa	Australia/New Zealand
1983-1984*	COL Frederick A. York III	Seoul/Hong Kong
1984	BG Joseph Loughman	
1984-1985	COL Sylvester Ray	Rio deJaneiro
1985-1986	BG Joseph Loughman	Hamburg/Copenhagen
1986-1987	BG William Koughan	Helsinki/Leningrad/ Stockholm
1987-1988*	CPT Paul Tierney	London/Rome
1988-1989	LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	Munich/Berlin
1989-1990	BG Joseph A. Milano	DC/Tokyo/Bangkok
1990-1991*	MAJ Arthur Nashawaty	Amsterdam/Cannes
1991-1992	BG Reynold Granuas	Budapest/Marbella
1992-1993	CPT Leonard Sacco	South Africa/ Rio deJaneiro
1993-1994	LTC Ernest Caggiano	Lisbon/Malta/Sicily
1994-1995*	COL John E. McNulty	Australia/New Zealand
1995-1996	CPT Roy Chase	Panama/Santa Domingo
1996-1997	CPT Paul Mahoney	London/Paris/Ireland
1997-1998	CPT Richard Luccio	Munich/Prague
1998-1999	COL John A Moore	Ottawa/Banff/ Vancouver
1999-2000	CPT Albert G Fiorenza	Helsinki/Tallinn
2000-2001*	CPT Louis A Zuliani	Rome/Berlin
2001-2002	CPT Joseph C Benoit	Cayman/Belize/Mexico
2002-2003	COL Stuart Tauber	Budapest/ Bratislava/Vienna
2003-2004	CPT George Morrison	Iceland/Edinburgh
2004-2005	CPT William O'Brien	USA
2005-2006	CPT Paul Morill	South Africa
2006-2007	CPT Daniel G. May	Argentina

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
2 JUNE 2007 ~ 7 JUNE 2008

4 June	New Captain Commanding Appointed
11 June	First Meeting
14 June	Bunker Hill Monument Rededication Ceremony
19 June	FFFDTD Pre-Trip
23 June	Plympton Parade
25 June	June Day 2007 After Action Review
4 July	Parade and Reading of the Declaration of Independence
16 July	Sergeants' Golf Day
6 August	Summer Meeting
7 August	Honor Guard at State House for Visiting Legislative Leaders
8 August	Ten of Us Clambake
12 August	MMA Commissioning Ceremony
17 August	Air Force Week Proclamation & Reception
4 September	First Fall Meeting
5 September	AHAC Night at the Red Sox
17 September	Second Fall Meeting
19 September	Sergeants' Bon Voyage Party
27 September	370th FFDTD departs
6 October	FFDTD returns
29 October	Third Fall Meeting
6 November	NESHV Benefit Dinner
11 November	Veterans Day at the State House
17November	Thanksgiving Parade at Plymouth
1 December	Lieutenants Ball

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS CONTINUED
2 JUNE 2007 ~ 7 JUNE 2008

3 December	Toys For Tots
7 January	First Winter Meeting
24 January	State of the State Honor Guard
11 February	Second Winter Meeting
18 February	Presidents Day Luncheon at Armory
27 March	USO Night
2 April	ROTC Awards
7 April	First Spring Meeting
9 April	Ten of Us Man of the Year Dinner
12 April	Spring Shoot
20 April	Lantern Hanging at Old North Church
21 April	Patriots Day Parades Boston & Lexington
22 April	Second Spring Meeting
24 April	Judge Advocate Dinner
1 May	Sergeants' Farewell Party
4 May	HAC Visit (St. George Inner/Kennedy Memorial)
5 May	Third Spring Meeting/ Nominations
12 May	Fourth Spring Meeting/ Elections
15 May	Tripe Dinner
24 May	Field of Honor Dedication
24 May	City of Boston Memorial Day - Cohasset Memorial Day
27 May	Fifth Spring Meeting
29 May	AHAC Tour of US Army Natick Labs
1 June	Governor's Dinner
2 June	June Day

THE YEAR IN HISTORY

Highlights 2007 ~ 2008

JUNE 2007

- ***New Captain Commanding appointed in AHAC (June 4)****: Captain John E. Bradley becomes the 299th Commanding Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts during their change of command ceremony.*
- **Former Liberian Dictator Refuses to Appear at Trial (June 4):** Charles Taylor, the former president of Liberia, boycotts the first day of his trial at the International Criminal Court. He's facing trial on charges of crimes against humanity for supporting rebel troops in Sierra Leone's brutal civil war that claimed the lives of about 300,000 people in the 1990s.
- **Putin Proposes Joint Missile Shield with the U.S. (June 7):** Russian president introduces plan during a meeting with President Bush at the G8 meeting in Germany. The proposal calls for using an early warning radar system in Azerbaijan as part of a missile defense system to protect against an attack by Iran.
- **House Passes Bill on Stem Cell Research (June 7):** Votes, 247–176, in favor of legislation that eases restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. The Senate approved the bill in April. **(June 20):** President Bush vetoes the bill.
- **Immigration Bill Hits Obstacle in Senate (June 7):** After months of negotiation and compromise, an overhaul of the immigration system fails to reach a vote in the Senate as the bill falls short of the required 60 votes to end debate and put it to a vote. The failure of the bill is considered a major blow to President Bush, who has made such legislation a domestic policy priority. **(June 28):** The bill essentially dies when it falls 14 votes short of the 60 required to limit debate and move it to a vote.
- **Republicans Thwart Effort to Call a No-Confidence Vote on Attorney General (June 11):** Democrats fall seven votes short of the required 60 votes to end debate and vote on a no-confidence resolution on Alberto Gonzales who has faced intense criticism for the firing of nine U.S. attorneys.
- **Fighting Escalates Among Palestinian Factions (June 12):** About three dozen Palestinians die in battles between members of rival parties Hamas and Fatah. The homes and offices of Prime Minister Ismail Haniya and President Mahmoud Abbas are attacked. Both sides accuse each other of coup attempts. **(June 13):** Hamas succeeds in taking control of much of the Gaza Strip. With Fatah holding sway over the West Bank, many fear a civil war is imminent. **(June 14):** Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas dissolves the government, fires Prime Minister Ismail Haniya, the leader of Hamas, and declares a state of emergency. The violence continues in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.
- **Shiite Shrine Is Attacked in Iraq (June 13):** The revered Shiite Askariya mosque at Samarra is bombed for the second time in 16 months. Sunni militants connected to al-Qaeda are suspected in the attack. **(June 15 and 16):** Shiites blow up two Sunni mosques in retaliation.

- **Deaths Mount in Afghanistan (June 17):** Thirty-five people, mostly police academy instructors, are killed when a suicide bomber attacks a police bus in Kabul. **(June 18):** Seven children die during an airstrike by U.S.-led forces in eastern Afghanistan. The attack was targeting what officials say was an al-Qaeda compound. **(June 22):** At least 25 civilians are killed when NATO forces respond with an airstrike to an attack by the Taliban in Helmand Province. **(June 30):** Dozens of civilians die in U.S.-led airstrikes in Helmand Province.
- **U.S. Diplomat Sees Progress with North Korea (June 22):** At a meeting in North Korea, Christopher Hill, assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs, is told by North Korean officials that the country is prepared to shut down its primary nuclear reactor. The meeting—the first time a high-ranking U.S. official has visited the country in five years—follows the return of $25 million in North Korean funds that had been held in a Macao bank and had been frozen by the U.S. **(June 28):** International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors visit the Yongbyon nuclear reactor complex. It's the first such visit since 2002, when North Korean officials expelled the inspectors from the country.
- **Leadership Transition Begins in Britain (June 24):** Gordon Brown takes over as head of the Labor Party, succeeding British Prime Minister Tony Blair. **(June 27):** Gordon Brown replaces Tony Blair as the prime minister of Great Britain.
- **Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Appeals by Guantánamo Bay Detainees (June 29):** In a striking reversal of an April decision, the Supreme Court announces it will hear appeals by detainees who have been denied access to federal courts.

JULY 2007

- **Bush Commutes Libby's Sentence (July 2):** Calling the 30-month sentence of I. Lewis Libby excessive, President spares Vice President Dick Cheney's former aid any jail time. Libby was convicted of lying to FBI agents and to a grand jury in the investigation of who leaked to the press the name of a covert CIA agent.
- **Pakistani Government and Militants Face Off at Mosque (July 3):** Government security officers, radical Islamist clerics, and students at Islamabad's Red Mosque exchange gunfire. The militants advocate the imposition of Shariah, or Islamic law, in Pakistan. **(July 10):** After negotiations between government officials and mosque leaders fail, troops storm the compound and kill Abdul Rashid Ghazi, who took over as chief of the mosque after the earlier capture of Maulana Abdul Aziz, his older brother. More than 60 people die in the violence.
- **Russia Is Awarded 2014 Olympics (July 4):** The International Olympic Committee announces that Sochi, Russia, a Black Sea resort, will host the Winter Games in 2014. It will be the first time Russia or the former Soviet Union hosts the Winter Games.
- **Wimbledon Championship (July 7):** Venus Williams wins the women's title in the Wimbledon championships in London.
- **Suspected Bombers Are Convicted in London (July 11):** Four Islamic men, all originally from the Horn of Africa, are sentenced to life in prison by a British judge for attempting to bomb the London transit system in July 2005. Their failed plot followed the July 7, 2005, attack that killed 56 people.

- **Russia Pulls Out of Arms Treaty (July 14):** Russian President Vladimir Putin announces that the country will suspend its participation in the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, a cold-war era agreement that limits the deployment of heavy weaponry.
- **Intelligence Report Shows al-Qaeda Remains Strong (July 17):** National Intelligence Estimate concludes that al-Qaeda has gained strength in the past two years and that the United States faces "a persistent and evolving terrorist threat over the next three years."
- **Executive Order Allows Some Severe Interrogation Techniques (July 20):** President Bush gives CIA the authority to resume using a number of harsh interrogation methods when questioning terrorism suspects. The order, however, does not allow the use of waterboarding or exposing suspects to extreme heat or cold.
- **Harry Potter Sales Brisk (July 21):** In its first day on bookshelves, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final installment in J. K. Rowling's best-selling series, sells more than 8.3 million copies.
- **Minimum Wage Increases (July 24):** The minimum wage increases to $5.85, up from $5.15. It's the first increase in 10 years. The wage will increase 70 cents each year through 2009, when it will be $7.25 an hour.
- **Security Council Approves Resolution on Darfur (July 31):** Votes unanimously to deploy as many as 26,000 peacekeepers from the African Union and the United Nations forces to help end the violence in Darfur that has killed about 200,000 people since 2003. The operation, the world's largest, will cost some $2 billion
- **Al Gore Wins Nobel Peace Prize:** Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

AUGUST 2007

- **Bridge Collapses into the Mississippi River (Aug. 1):** An eight-lane interstate bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that is packed with cars breaks into sections and falls into the river, killing 13 people and injuring at least 60. The bridge was in the midst of repairs when it buckled and broke apart.
- **Educator Lifts Off to the Space Station (Aug. 8):** Barbara Morgan, a former teacher from Idaho, is part of a mission aboard the space shuttle *Endeavour* to the International Space Station, where additional trusses will be added and supplies delivered. Morgan was the backup to Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who died in 1986 when the shuttle *Challenger* disintegrated shortly after takeoff. **(Aug. 16):** Following the discovery of a small gash on the underside of the *Endeavour*, NASA considers whether to direct the crew to attempt a repair, or to allow them to fly home as is. The gash is believed to have occurred when a piece of foam fell off the fuel tank and struck the underside of the shuttle. **(Aug. 21):** *Endeavour* lands safely after a 12 day, 17 hour mission.
- **Federal Reserve Pumps Billions into Financial System (Aug. 10):** Fed puts $72 billion into the U.S. financial system over two days to steady the volatile markets that plummeted in response to losses in the American mortgage market.
- **Coalition Forces Launch Operation Phantom Strike (Aug. 13):** US-led forces attack insurgent hide-outs, weapons caches, and bomb-building sites in a series of simultaneous raids. The operation follows the deployment of nearly 30,000 more US troops into Iraq.

- **Rove Announces His Resignation (Aug 13):** Karl Rove, highly influential and controversial advisor to President Bush, announces he will leave his position as deputy chief of staff at the end of August. Although Rove was instrumental in securing Bush victories in 2000 and 2004, many critics believe his focus on conservative voters has alienated more moderate Republicans and Independents--two groups that may swing the election in 2008.
- **Dirty Bomb Suspect Is Found Guilty (Aug. 17):** A federal jury convicts Jose Padilla, who was arrested in Chicago in 2002 and accused of plotting to explode a dirty bomb in the United States, of conspiracy to commit terror overseas and giving material support to al-Qaeda. The government had held him as an enemy combatant until 2006, when he was transferred to the civilian justice system and charged with another set of crimes. It was these charges that resulted in the conviction.
- **Thailand Votes in Favor of New Constitution (Aug. 20):** In the country's first referendum, voters approve a new constitution that was drafted by a panel selected by the military government. Elections are expected to be held in December, ending a year of military rule that followed the ouster of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.
- **Report Cynical of Progress in Iraq (Aug. 24):** National Intelligence Estimate says the Iraqi government has failed to end sectarian violence even with the surge of American troops. The report also says, however, that a withdrawal of troops, a move supported by many Democrats, would "erode security gains achieved thus far."
- **Deadly Violence Breaks Out Among Rival Shiite Groups (Aug. 28):** More than 50 people are killed and hundreds are wounded when members of the Mahdi Army, the militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moktada al-Sadr, and the Badr Organization, a group of fighters that supports Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, battle in the streets of Karbala during a pilgrimage celebrating the birth of Muhammad al-Mahdi. **(Aug. 29):** Moktada al-Sadr announces that he has ordered the Mahdi Army to suspend its military operations for six months.
- **Median Household Income Up, Number of Insured Down (Aug. 28):** Census Bureau reports that median household income increased to $48,201 in 2006, from $47,845 in 2005. Figures, however, reveal that more people are working longer hours, but wages have not increased. The poverty rate fell to 12.3% in 2006, from 12.6% in 2005. The number of uninsured increased to 47 million in 2006, from 44.8 million in 2005.

SEPTEMBER 2007

- **Tennis Hopeful Retires (Sept. 1):** Britain's tennis hope Tim Henman retires from international tennis after losing early in the US Open.
- **North Korea Agrees to Disable Nuclear Fuel Plants (Sept. 2):** After a two-day meeting between Christopher Hill, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and North Korean negotiators, North Korea says it will disable its nuclear fuel production facility and disclose to international monitors an accounting of all of its nuclear programs by the end of 2007.
- **Bush Makes Surprise Visit to Iraq (Sept. 3):** President Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates travel to Anbar Province, a Sunni stronghold, and meet with Iraqi prime minister Nuri al-Maliki and other leaders. Bush stresses that progress in security and reconciliation have been made in Anbar and hints that a troop withdrawal may start if such gains continue.

- **German Officials Arrest Terror Suspects (Sept. 5):** Three Islamic militants are arrested and authorities confiscate large amounts of explosive materials and detonators. Officials say the suspects were planning to attack the Ramstein Air Base and the Frankfurt International Airport.
- **Job Losses Spark Worries about the Economy (Sept. 6):** A Labor Department report that shows that 4,000 jobs were lost in August, the first such decline since 2003, leads some economists to say a recession may follow.
- **Bin Laden Releases a Video (Sept. 7):** In his first video message in nearly three years, bin Laden promises to "continue to escalate the killing and fighting in Iraq."
- **US Open Tennis Championship (Sept. 10):** Roger Federer wins the men's title in the US Open tennis championship in New York.
- **President Addresses Nation on Iraq (Sept. 13):** Outlining a plan for withdrawing troops from Iraq, Bush says by July 2008 troop levels would drop from the current high of 169,000 to 130,000. Calling the move a "return on success," Bush said the progress from the surge of troops would be diminished if more troops returned from Iraq too quickly.
- **Fed Cuts Interest Rate (Sept. 18):** In an attempt to bring stability to the economy, which has been rocked by turbulence in the housing and financial markets, the Federal Reserve cuts benchmark interest rate to 4.75% from 5.25%.
- **United Auto Workers Strike Against General Motors (Sept. 24):** Some 73,000 workers take to the picket lines when contract negotiations over wages and benefits reach a stalemate. **(Sept. 26):** The UAW and GM reach a deal that has the auto maker creating a $38.5 billion trust, called a voluntary employee benefit association (VEBA), that will administer health benefits for retirees.
- **Iranian President Stirs Protests at Columbia Speech (Sept. 25):** In his controversial speech, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insists there are no homosexuals in Iran, says the U.S. supports terrorism, and calls U.S. and European efforts to halt Iran's nuclear weapons program hypocritical. Columbia's president, Lee C. Bollinger, preceded Ahmadinejad's speech with an attack of his own. "Mr. President, you exhibit all the signs of a petty and cruel dictator," he said. "You are either brazenly provocative or astonishingly uneducated."
- **Government Cracks Down on Protesters in Myanmar (Sept 26):** After a month of peaceful pro-democracy demonstrations, which saw steady increases in participation and recently drew in hundreds of monks, protesting sharp increases in the price of fuel, government forces shoot at crowds, raid pagodas, and arrest monks. Dozens of people are killed. The protests are the largest in the country in 20 years. The brutality of the attacks sparks international outrage.

OCTOBER 2007

- **North Korea Agrees to Disable Its Nuclear Facilities (Oct. 3):** As part of the breakthrough deal, North Korea will disclose details about its nuclear facilities, including how much plutonium it has produced, and dismantle all of its nuclear faculties by the end of 2007. In exchange, it will receive some 950,000 metric tons of fuel oil or financial aid. The Bush administration will also start the process of removing North Korea from its list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

- **Three-Time Olympic Champion Retires (Oct 5):** Three-time Olympic champion Marion Jones admits to taking performance enhancing drugs and subsequently announces her retirement from athletics.
- **Musharraf Breezes to Victory (Oct. 6):** Pakistani president is easily reelected to a third term by the country's national and provincial assemblies. The opposition boycotts the vote, however, and only representatives from the governing party participate in the election. In addition, the Supreme Court has yet to rule if he was constitutionally eligible to run for president while still head of the military.
- **Britain to Sharply Reduce Force in Iraq (Oct. 8):** Prime Minister Gordon Brown announces that half of the 5,000 British troops stationed in Basra will be removed by the end of 2008.
- **Gore Shares Nobel Peace Prize (Oct. 12):** Former vice president Al Gore and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change are awarded the prize for their work educating the world about human-caused climate change and for outlining ways to reverse global warming.
- **Senate Committee Approves Compromise on Wiretapping Program (Oct. 18):** Senate Intelligence Committee votes, 13 to 2, on bill that would allow the National Security Agency to request bundled warrants to eavesdrop on communications that originate outside the U.S. The bill also grants immunity to telecommunications and Internet companies that assisted the government in the surveillance.
- **Bush Administration Extends Sanctions on Iran (Oct. 25):** U.S. designates Iran's military, the Quds force of the Revolutionary Guard, and four state-owned Iranian banks sponsors of terrorism and accuses the Guard of exporting weapons of mass destruction.
- **First Lady of Argentina Is Elected President (Oct. 28):** Cristina Fernández de Kirchner takes 45% of the vote. Elisa Carrió, a congresswoman, comes in second, with 23%. De Kirchner is the first woman in Argentina to be elected president. She succeeds her husband, Néstor Kirchner.
- **Three Convicted of Murder in Madrid Bombing (Oct. 31):** Spain's National Court finds three men guilty of killing 191 people and wounding 1,800 in the 2004 bombing of four commuter trains in Madrid. Three other men, who were accused of organizing the attacks, are acquitted.

NOVEMBER 2007

- **Pakistani President Declares State of Emergency (Nov. 3):** Pervez Musharraf suspends the country's constitution and fires Chief Justice Iflikhar Muhammad Chaudhry and the other judges on the Supreme Court. In addition, police arrest at least 500 opposition figures. Analysts suggest that Musharraf was trying to preempt an upcoming ruling by the Supreme Court, which is expected to declare he could not constitutionally run for president while head of military. Musharraf, however, says he acted to stem a rising Islamist insurgency and to "preserve the democratic transition." **(Nov. 5):** Thousands of lawyers take to the streets to protest the emergency rule. Many clash with baton-wielding police. As many as 700 lawyers are arrested, including Chaudhry, who is placed under house arrest. **(Nov. 8):** Musharraf says elections will be held by Feb. 15, 2008. **(Nov. 9):** Thousands of police officers barricade the city of Rawalpindi, the site of a protest planned by opposition leader Benazir Bhutto. **(Nov. 13):** Bhutto is placed under house arrest so she cannot organize another rally.

(Nov. 16): On the day that Parliament ends its five-year term, Musharraf swears in a caretaker government, with Mian Muhammad Soomro, the chairman of Pakistan's senate, as prime minister.

He also lifts Bhutto's house arrest. **(Nov. 22):** The Supreme Court, filled with judges loyal to Musharraf, dismisses the case challenging the constitutionality of Musharraf being elected president while head of the military. **(Nov. 28):** Musharraf steps down as military chief. He is replaced by Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the former head of Pakistan's intelligence agency, Inter-Services Intelligence. **(Nov. 29):** Musharraf is sworn in as a civilian president. Since he no longer controls the military, his power over Pakistan is significantly diminished.

- **Former Wimbledon Champion Quits (Nov. 4):** Former Wimbledon Champion Martina Hingis quits tennis after testing positive for cocaine.
- **U.S. Suffers More Casualties in 2007 Than Any Other Year (Nov. 6:)** Six American soldiers are killed in Iraq, bringing the total deaths in 2007 to 852, the highest annual total since the war began in 2003.
- **Suicide Bomber Kills Dozens in Afghanistan (Nov. 7):** More than 50 people, including 18 children, four teachers, and six members of Parliament, die in the attack in Baghlan. Members of Parliament were visiting the city in northern Afghanistan. It is the worst single suicide attack since 2001.
- **UN Report on Climate Change Details Imminent Perils (Nov. 16):** In its last of four reports on climate change, th UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore, says global warming of one to three degrees will lead to a rise in sea levels that will swallow up island nations, the decimation of one-quarter or more of the world's species, famine in Africa, and increasingly violent hurricanes.
- **Antarctica (Nov. 23):** The *Explorer* strikes ice during an adventure cruise in the Antarctica causing the ship to sink. The National Geographic *Endeavour* and the Norwegian cruise liner, *Nordnorge*, rescue all 100 passengers and 50 staff members.
- **Troop Withdrawal Begins in Iraq (Nov. 24):** A brigade of 5,000 U.S. troops starts to leave Diyala Province, the first significant pullback of troops. Once the withdrawal is complete, there will be 157,000 soldiers in Iraq, from a high of 162,000.
- **Hostages Taken at Clinton Campaign Office (Nov. 30):** Leeland Eisenberg, 47, tells workers at Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign office in Rochester, New Hampshire, that he is carrying a bomb and takes three hostages. He is arrested after a six-hour ordeal. No one is injured in the incident.

DECEMBER 2007

- **Venezuela Rejects Referendum (Dec. 2):** Voters, 51% to 49%, reject referendum put forward by President Hugo Chávez that proposed 69 amendments to the constitution, including the abolishment of presidential term limits, removal of the Central Bank's autonomy, which would have given Chávez new power to build a socialist economy, and others that enjoyed wide support, including reducing the work day to six hours and offering pensions to street vendors and housewives.

- **Teen Birth Rate Increases (Dec. 5):** The birth rate for teens ages 15 to 19 rose to 3% in 2006, the first increase since 1991. The report leads several family-planning advocates to question the effectiveness of President Bush's $176 million abstinence-only sex education program
- **Car Bombs Explode in Algiers (Dec. 11):** As many as 60 people are killed in two suicide attacks near United Nations offices and government buildings in the capital of Algeria. The bombings occur within minutes of each other. Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, formerly called Salafist Group for Preaching, claims responsibility. It's the worst attack in Algeria in more than 10 years.
- **Musharraf Ends Emergency Rule (Dec. 14):** Pakistani president also restores the Constitution, but he also issues several executive orders and constitutional amendments that preclude any legal challenges related to his actions during and after emergency rule was established and bars the judges who he fired from resuming their positions. "Today I am feeling very happy that all the promises that I have made to the people, to the country, have been fulfilled," he said.
- **Congress Sends Bush Budget (Dec. 19):** House approves a $556 billion spending bill, which the Senate endorsed a day earlier. Package includes an additional $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan ($460 billion had already been authorized) and funds such programs as health care for the poor and elderly, law enforcement, food stamps, foreign aid, and border security. Democrats fail again to tie spending for the Iraq war to a troop withdrawal. **(Dec. 26):** President Bush signs the spending bill.
- **Bhutto Killed in Suicide Attack (Dec. 27):** Former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto dies at a campaign rally in Rawalpindi. President Pervez Musharraf blames al Qaeda for the attack, which kills 23 other people. Bhutto's supporters, however, accuse Musharraf's government of being involved in the bombing. Rioting throughout the country follows the attack. **(Dec. 30):** The Pakistan People's Party selects Bhutto's eldest son, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, as its chairman to succeed his mother.
- **Attacks in Iraq Fall Significantly (Dec. 29):** Gen. David Petraeus reports that car bombs and suicide attacks dropped by 60% since June 2007. He also says that al-Qaeda in Mesopotamia remains the greatest threat to Iraq's security.

JANUARY 2008

- **Suicide Bomber Kills Dozens in Baghdad (Jan. 1):** In the worst attack in Iraq in months, a suicide bomber kills 30 people at a home where mourners were paying their respects to the family of a man killed in a car bomb. The Iraqi military blames the attack on al-Qaeda in Iraq.
- **Hundreds Die in Tribal Violence in Kenya (Jan. 1-4):** After incumbent president Mwai Kibaki is declared the winner in the presidential election over opposition candidate Raila Odinga, who had a wide lead in preliminary results, about 50 Kikuyu who sought refuge in a church in Kiambaa die when a mob of mostly Luo burn down the church. Odinga is Luo, and Kibaki is Kikuyu. Nearly 500 people die in fighting across the country.

- **Presidential Primaries Begin (Jan. 3):** Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee are victorious in the Iowa caucuses, the first races of the presidential primary season. On the Democratic side, John Edwards and Hillary Clinton place second and third, respectively. Republicans Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson trail behind Huckabee. **(Jan. 8):** Democrat Hillary Clinton finishes first in the New Hampshire primary, ahead of Barack Obama and John Edwards. On the Republican side, John McCain leads the pack, ahead of Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee. **Dakar Rally Called off for First Time (Jan. 4):** The 6,000-km Dakar Rally, held uninterrupted since 1979, is called off after four French tourists were killed in Mauritania in December. The 2009 edition is scheduled for South America.
- **President of Georgia Is Reelected (Jan. 6):** Mikheil Saakashvili wins 52% of the vote over his nearest challenger, Levan Gachechiladze, who tallies 27%. Saakashvili called for early elections in November 2007, after massive protests during which demonstrators accused him of abusing power and stifling dissent.
- **Jindal Becomes Governor of Louisiana (Jan. 15):** Republican Bobby Jindal takes office as governor of Louisiana, becoming the first elected Indian-American governor of the United States. At age 36, he's also the youngest governor in the nation.
- **Israeli Strike Kills Several Palestinians in Gaza (Jan. 15):** As many as 20 Palestinians, many member of Hamas, die in the attack. The Israeli operation was in retaliation to the firing of Qassam rockets and mortar bombs into Israeli towns by Palestinian militants. **(Jan. 18):** Israel closes all border crossings into the Gaza Strip in response to the Palestinian attacks. Aid and fuel shipments are affected by the border closing. **(Jan. 22):** Facing criticism for shutting off fuel deliveries to Gaza, Israel resumes oil shipments.
- **Bush Proposes $145 Billion Stimulus Package (Jan. 18):** Responding to a crisis in the housing market and rising oil prices, president says a combination of tax cuts for individuals and businesses will "provide a shot in the arm" to the economy. His plan, which is vague, is intended to stimulate spending. **(Jan. 24):** The Bush administration and the House hash out a $146 billion stimulus package that gives rebates of $300-$600 for individuals earning up to $75,000 and to couples with incomes up to $150,000. Familes will be eligible for up to $300 in rebates for each child. Businesses were also given incentives in the form of expanded deductions. Democrats had sought, but did not get, an increase in food stamp aid and extended unemployment benefits. **(Jan. 29):** The House votes, 385 to 35, in favor of the stimulus plan.
- **Markets Plunge Around the World (Jan. 21):** Responding to fears that the U.S. is headed for an imminent recession, stock markets fall drastically in Frankfurt, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Paris, London, and other major cities in Europe and Asia.
- **Federal Reserve Slashes Interest Rates (Jan. 22):** In response to the plunge in markets around the world, the Federal Reserve bank cuts interest rates by .75%, the largest single-day reduction in the bank's history.
- **Palestinian Militants Break Through Border Fence (Jan. 23):** After members of Hamas destroy parts of a wall that separates the Gaza Strip from Egypt, tens of thousands of Palestinians pass into Egypt to buy food and supplies that are either unavailable in Gaza or are exorbitantly priced.

- **Report on Israeli Offensive in Lebanon Finds Failures (Jan. 31):** Final report by an Israeli-government-appointed panel, the Winograd Commission, on Israel's 2006 war against the militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon, calls the operation a "large and serious" failure and criticizes the country's leadership for failing to have an exit strategy in place before the invasion. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is spared somewhat, as the commission says that in ordering the invasion, he was acting in "the interest of the state of Israel."

FEBRUARY 2008

- **Economy Loses Jobs for the First Time in 52 Months (Feb. 1):** Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 17,000 jobs were eliminated in January. The figures increase fears of an imminent recession. **Super Bowl XLII (Feb 3):** New York Giants led Eli Manning beat the New England Patriots 17-14. The Patriots have won 11 games during the regular season prior to the defeat.
- **U.S. Director of National Intelligence Warns of Al Qaeda Threat (Feb. 5):** Mike McConnell tells the Senate Intelligence Committee that al-Qaeda has improved its recruiting and training techniques and has produced a new group of Western operatives that could carry out an attack in the U.S.
- **McCain Dominates Super Tuesday (Feb. 5):** Primaries and caucuses are held in 24 states. Arizona senator John McCain emerges as the clear front runner among Republicans. Hillary Clinton wins big states such as California and Massachusetts, but Barack Obama takes more states. **(Feb. 7):** Republican Mitt Romney drops out of the race. **(Feb. 12):** Barack Obama wins Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia by large margins strengthening his lead over Senator Clinton. John McCain wins all three primaries as well, solidifying his position for the Republican nomination over Mike Huckabee.
- **Four Art Masterpieces Stolen (Feb. 10):** Three men wearing ski masks steal four pieces of artwork from the Zurich Museum in one of the largest art robberies in history. In broad daylight, the robbers took a Cezanne, a Degas, a van Gogh, and a Monet, with a combined worth of $163 million. **(Feb. 18):** Two of the paintings, the Monet and the van Gogh, are found in perfect condition in the backseat of an unlocked car in Zurich.
- **General Motors Suffers Profit Loss (Feb. 12):** GM reports a $722 million fourth-quarter loss in 2007 compared to a $920 million profit in the fourth-quarter of 2006. For the whole of 2007, GM lost $38.7 billion, the largest loss in history for an automaker.
- **Immigration Smuggling Ring Broken (Feb. 14):** Immigration authorities in Phoenix, Arizona, arrest 20 people involved in an illegal immigrant smuggling ring. Officers also detain 210 illegal immigrants and discover 13 houses used as way stations in immigrant trafficking.
- **Kosovo Declares Independence (Feb. 17):** Three months after negotiations between the European Union, Russia, and Washington on the future of Kosovo end in stalemate, Kosovo's prime minister Hashim Thaci declares independence from Serbia. Serbian prime minister Vojislav Kostunica says he would never recognize the "false state." International reaction is mixed, with the United States, France, Germany, and Britain indicating that they planned to recognize Kosovo as the world's 195th country. Serbia and Russia, however, call the move a violation of international law. **(Feb. 18):** The United States and several other nations, including Britain, Germany, and France, recognize Kosovo as a sovereign and independent state.

- **Castro Resigns as President of Cuba (Feb. 19):** Fidel Castro, who temporarily handed power to his brother Raúl in July 2006 when he fell ill, permanently steps down after 49 years in power. **(Feb. 24):** Raúl Castro succeeds his brother, Fidel, as president of Cuba. He says that there will be few changes made in governing and that he will consistently consult Fidel when making decisions.
- **Missile Shoots Down Satellite (Feb. 20):** A U.S. missile interceptor, launched from a Navy ship, strikes down a dying satellite 130 miles over the Pacific Ocean. The satellite contained 1,000 pounds of frozen toxic fuel that could have been deadly had it landed on its own in a populated area. **Nader Announces Candidacy for President (Feb. 24):** Consumer advocate Ralph Nader says he will run for president as a third-party candidate. He ran on the Green Party ticket in 2000, and many Democrats say he drew votes away from Al Gore, contributing to the election of George Bush.
- **Fighting in Gaza Intensifies (Feb. 27):** An Israeli airstrike into Gaza kills five members of Hamas, which then launched rockets into southern Israel, killing a civilian. Back-and-forth strikes continue throughout the day.

MARCH 2008

- **Putin's Choice for President Is Easily Elected (March 2):** As expected, Dmitri A. Medvedev, a former aide to Russian president Vladimir Putin who has never held elected office, wins the presidential election in a landslide. Putin will remain in a position of power, serving as Medvedev's prime minister.
- **Security Council Imposes Third Round of Sanctions on Iran (March 3):** Resolution, the third since December 2006, punishing Iran for refusing to stop uranium enrichment allows inspections of cargo leaving and entering Iran that officials suspect is carrying banned materials, expands monitoring of financial institutions, and bans the travel and freezes the assets of people and businesses involved in Iran's nuclear program.
- **McCain Secures Nomination (March 4):** After primary wins in Texas, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Vermont, John McCain has enough delegates to become the Republican presidential nominee. Mike Huckabee drops out of the race.
- **China Cracks Down on Protests by Monks in Tibet (March 10):** Some 400 Buddhist monks participate in a protest march in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to commemorate the failed uprising of 1959, that resulted in the Dalai Lama fleeing to India. **(March 14):** The protests, the largest in two decades, turn violent, with ethnic Tibetans reportedly attacking Chinese citizens and vandalizing public and private property. Chinese police use force to suppress the demonstrations. Tibetan leaders say that more than 100 Tibetans are killed, but Chinese officials say there are only 16 fatalities and deny that police had used lethal force. The demonstrations and violence spill into Gansu, Qinghai, and Sichuan Provinces in western China. Chinese officials accuse the Dalai Lama of masterminding the protests, a charge the spiritual leader denies.
- **New York Governor Admits Involvement in Prostitution Ring (March 10):** Eliot Spitzer, the former attorney general of New York who prosecuted a prostitution ring in Staten Island and was a crusader against white-collar crime, is pressured to resign after the *New York Times* reports that he was caught on a federal wiretap arranging to meet a prostitute in a Washington hotel. **(March 12):** Spitzer announces his resignation as governor of New York. Lt. Gov. David A. Paterson will replace him. **(March 17):** David Paterson, the former lieutenant governor of New York, is sworn in as governor, replacing Spitzer.

- **Government Intervenes to Avert Financial Crises (March 11):** Federal Reserves outlines a $200 billion loan program that lets the country's biggest banks borrow Treasury securities at discount rates and post mortgage-backed securities as collateral. **(March 13):** The White House announces a plan to ease credit crisis. It includes provisions that require states to tighten rules for mortgage brokers and calls on lenders to make full disclosure of payment terms to buyers. Critics say the plan is too weak to have much effect. **(March 16):** The Federal Reserve approves a $30 billion loan to JPMorgan Chase so it can take over Bear Stearns, which is on the verge of collapse.
- The Fed had hoped the acquisition would avert a financial panic. Bear Stearns sells for one-tenth of its market price. **(March 18):** The Federal Reserve cuts short-term interest rates by three-quarters of a percentage point.
- **Pakistan Leader Nominates a Prime Minister (March 22):** Asif Ali Zardari, leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party, selects Yousaf Raza Gillani, who served as speaker of Parliament in the 1990s under Benazir Bhutto, as prime minister. **(March 24):** On the same day that Parliament approves Gillani as prime minister, he releases the Supreme Court justices that President Pervez Musharraf ousted and detained in late 2007. **(March 31):** Musharraf swears in the new cabinet, which is comprised of his political opponents.
- **U.S. Suffers 4,000th Death in Iraq (March 23):** A roadside bomb in Baghdad kills four U.S. soldiers, bringing the death toll of American troops to 4,000. President Bush said of the losses, "I have vowed in the past, and I will vow so long as I'm president, to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain, that, in fact, there is an outcome that will merit the sacrifice."
- **Detroit Mayor Indicted (March 24):** Kwame Kilpatrick, who was elected in 2005 at age 31, is indicted on eight felony charges, including perjury, obstruction of justice, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and misconduct in office. The charges stem from a past affair with his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

APRIL 2008

- **Iran Announces Plans to Expand Uranium Enrichment (April 8):** President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says that the country has begun installing 6,000 additional centrifuges to its uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, which already has 3,000 centrifuges.
- **Commander in Iraq Recommends Delay in Troop Withdrawal (April 8):** At a Congressional hearing, Gen. David Petraeus advises against further drawdowns of American troops until at least 45 days after the one underway is completed in July, which means troop levels would be maintained at around 140,000. He also reports that progress in Iraq has been "significant but even" and is "fragile and reversible." He also said, "We haven't turned any corners. We haven't seen any lights at the end of the tunnel." Petraeus blamed some of the turmoil in Iraq on the "destructive role Iran has played."
- **Dozens Are Killed in Suicide Attacks in Iraq (April 15):** As many as 50 people die in a car bombing in Baquba, a northern city formerly under the control of Sunni insurgents that U.S. troops say they had won control of. An additional 13 are killed in a suicide attack in Ramadi in Anbar Province, another city that was once a Sunni stronghold.
- **Putin Is Elected Leader of Russia's Leading Political Party (April 15):** Russian president Vladimir Putin is chosen as chairman of the United Russia party and agrees to become prime minister when Dmitri Medvedev assumes the presidency in May.

- **Pope Denounces Pedophile Priests (April 15):** During his first visit to the United States, Benedict XVI says he is "deeply ashamed" by the scandal that has rocked the Catholic church in recent years. "It's difficult for me to understand how it was possible that priests betrayed in this way their mission to give healing, to give the love of God to these children," he said. **(April 17):** Benedict XVI celebrates a mass before 46,000 people at Washington Nationals stadium in Washington, DC. He later holds a surprise meeting with several victims of sexual abuse by priests in the Boston archdiocese.
- **Woman Wins Indy Race (April 20):** Danica Patrick wins the Indy Japan 300, becoming the first woman to win an IndyCar race.

MAY 2008

- **New President of Russia Is Sworn In (May 7):** Dmitri Medvedev succeeds Vladimir Putin as the president of Russia. Although he's a Putin loyalist, Medvedev is said to be moderate and pro-Western. **(May 8):** Parliament elects Putin, head of the United Russia party, as prime minister.
- **New Prime Minister of Ireland Is Elected (May 7):** The Dáil, Ireland's parliament, votes 88 to 76, to elect former finance minister Brian Cowen as prime minister.
- **Hezbollah and Government Supporters Battle in Beirut (May 7):** Members of Hezbollah, a Shiite militia backed by Iran, block city streets to support a labor union strike and to fight against supporters of the pro-Western government in Lebanon. **(May 9):** Hezbollah takes control of large swaths of western Beirut, forces a government-supported television station off the air, and burns the offices of a newspaper loyal to the government. The government accuses Hezbollah of staging an "armed coup." The fighting is mainly sectarian, with Shiites fighting against Sunnis. **(May 14):** In an attempt to end the violence and the threat of a civil war, the government rescinds plans to shut down a telecommunications network run by Hezbollah and backs off attempts to dismiss a Hezbollah-backed head of airport security. In return, Hezbollah agrees to dismantle roadblocks that have paralyzed Beirut's airport. The decisions are seen as a major victory for Hezbollah.
- **State Department Renews Deal with Controversial Contractor (May 9):** Blackwater Worldwide, the company whose guards killed 17 civilians in 2007, will continue to provide security for U.S. diplomats for another year. "We cannot operate without private security firms in Iraq," says Patrick Kennedy, an undersecretary of state.
- **Iraqi Government and Shiite Militia Reach Cease-Fire (May 10):** Government and militia led by Moktada al-Sadr agree to end the fighting in the Sadr City area of Baghdad. As part of the deal, the government will assume control over Sadr City and the rebels who didn't actively participate in the battles, which killed hundreds of people, will avoid arrest. Iran helped to broker the truce. The cease-fire, however, does not immediately stem the violence in Sadr City. **(May 20):** Iraqi troops move into Sadr City, meeting very little resistance from the Mahdi Army.
- **Polar Bear Designated as Threatened (May 14):** Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announces that the polar bear has been listed as threatened, thus protected by the Endangered Species Act. The Interior Department includes provisions, however, that allow oil exploration to continue in the Arctic, somewhat watering down the protection.
- **Kennedy Diagnosed with a Brain Tumor (May 20):** Senator Edward Kennedy, a Democrat from Massachusetts who's been in office since 1963, is diagnosed with a malignant glioma.

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369th ANNUAL ELECTION

Seal of the
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OFFICERS FOR 2007 – 2008

Commissioned Officers

Captain Commanding	CPT John E. Bradley, Esq.
First Lieutenant	MAJ Michael W. Downing
Second Lieutenant	LT Paul J.Covell

Elected Commissioned Officers

Quartermaster	LT Leon J. LeBlanc
Paymaster	MAJ Robert M. McGuire
Commissary Officer	LT Brett P. Henry
Personnel Adjutant & Clerk	LT Arthur F. Conrad

Appointed Commissioned Officers

Emeritus	BG Albert G. Fiorenza
Chief of Staff	COL Stuart P. Tauber, PC
Adjutant	COL Thomas E. Richter

Elected Non-Commissioned Officers

Sergeants of Infantry	Sergeants of Artillery
1SG Charles A. MacDonald	1SG Justin P. Colella
SGT Robert J. Corsetti	SGT Edward F. Johnson, Jr.
SGT Michael R. Horan	SGT William T. Horan
SGT Martin J. Greco	SGT Anthony C. Musto
LCDR David W. Graham	SGT Steven L. Haywood
SGT Phillip A. Sheppard	SGT Michael E. Creed

JUNE DAY 2007
HEAD TABLE DIGNITARIES AND GUESTS

Left

CPT Daniel G. May, PC
298th Commander 2006-2007

HON Deval Patrick
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LT Jerome V. Sweeney
First Lieutenant 2006-2007

BGEN Thomas Sellars
Commander, MA Army National Guard

LT John F. Moynihan
Second Lieutenant 2006-2007

CAPT Thomas J. Hudner, Jr.
Medal of Honor

LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo, PC
Chief of Staff 2006-2007 & 280th Commander

BGEN Henry J. Siegling
Commander, Washington Light Infantry

HON Richard Tisei
MA Senate Minority Leader

LT Jeremy Cowery
Honourable Artillery Company

BGEN Robert M. Durkee
Chaplain

HON Eugene Vaillancourt
Commissioner, Veterans Services, Boston

CPT Frank Waldorf
Chaplain

Right

CPT John E. Bradley
Captain Commanding

BGEN Jonathan Woodson
Commander, 350th Medical Brgd & Guest Speaker

MAJ Michael W. Downing
First Lieutenant 2007-2008

LT Paul J. Covell
Second Lieutenant 2007-2008

CAPT Thomas G. Kelley
MA Comm. of Veterans Services-Medal of Honor

COL Stuart P. Tauber, PC
Chief of Staff 2007-2008 & 294th Commander

CAPT Robert Durfey
Chief of Staff, 1st Coast Guard District

BGEN Joseph A. Milano, PC
Civilian Aide Emeritus to Secretary of the Army

CDR William A. Bullard, III
Commander, USS Constitution

COL Edward D. McCabe
Chaplain

CAPT Richard T. Shannon
Past President and Trustee, Boston Marine Society

COL Thomas E. Richter
Adjutant

REMARKS OF INCOMING CAPTAIN BRADLEY

Captain May, distinguished guests at the head table, my fellow Ancients one and all, I have a few thousand words written to address you tonight, but Captain May took them away from me.

I would stand here just to thank Dan May for a great year that he has devoted to this Company. He has taken this Company to Buenos Aires and to Charleston, two memorable trips for people who participated in them.

It's going to be a hard act to follow, but I will give it my best.

It is with great honor that I can say that I know the Senior Past Commander and the Junior Past Commander -- Captain Morrill wanted me to do that --but my duty here is to help give the gorget to Past Captain Daniel G. May for a year well done.

Thank you, Dan.

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

370TH Fall Field Day Tour of Duty

Bucharest, Romania and Portsmouth, England

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING CAPTAIN
370TH FALL FIELD DAY TOUR OF DUTY

My Fellow Ancients:

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each of you to the 370th FFTD.

In our travels to Romania and England, extending the warm hand of friendship to the citizens and military of these countries, we act as Ambassadors of Good Will without portfolio

During prior trips it has often been our privilege to place wreaths honoring fallen military men and, on October 1st. In Bucharest, we will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

After this ceremony we will proceed to Aviator's Park where it will be our proud privilege to dedicate a monument honoring those Americans who lost their lives on Romanian soil during World War II. Commissioned by the Company, this impressive eight foot granite monument was produced in Massachusetts, and it will be the only monument by Americans honoring their fallen comrades in Bucharest.

While in England we will visit Windsor, the birthplace of Robert Keayne, founder of our Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. The Company has arranged for the refurbishing a plaque honoring his life, and we will place flowers at this location. We will also plant a tree at the Kennedy Memorial located in Runnymede, where the Magna Carter was signed in 1215.

There are many exciting things planned for the trip, both of cultural and military interest, including our festive banquet in Bucharest. We anticipate an exciting, enjoyable and safe trip to these great countries. My staff worked hard putting this trip together, and I look forward to leading you on this 370th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty.

CPT John E. Bradley
Captain Commanding

TRIP REPORT
370TH FALL FIELD DAY TOUR OF DUTY
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA AND PORTSMOUTH ENGLAND
SEPTEMBER 27 THRU OCTOBER 6, 2007

Thursday ~ September 27th ~ Departure

The members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's 370th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty met at Logan Airport and departed on two separate flights to Heathrow Airport in London where they boarded a flight to Bucharest, Romania

Friday ~ September 28th

Upon arrival the afternoon of the 28th, the members enjoyed a bus ride from the airport through the city of Bucharest to the Inter-Continental Hotel. After check in, the rest of the afternoon was at leisure

That evening the Sergeants held a reception at a local restaurant, where the men were treated to local entertainment, various types of local game and other culinary delights as well as local beverages. All of which made the men feel very welcome.

Saturday ~ September 29th

After breakfast on Saturday September 29th the Company enjoyed a tour of the beautiful City of Bucharest. This included the magnificent House of the People, which was built between 1984 and 1989 and is the second largest building in the world. All the materials used in its construction came from Romania. After the tour the company enjoyed lunch at the Beer Wagon Restaurant where we were entertained by local music while we dined on several kinds of sausages, ham shanks, sauerkraut, grilled vegetables, and on and on the food to have no end.

The rest of the day was at leisure with the exception of a private mass at the hotel. That evening the Captain hosted a small group of staff members to dinner.

Sunday ~ September 30th

At 8:30am the Company boarded the train, traveling in first class and departed for Dracula's castle. Once arriving in Bran the Company formed in the town center where the Mayor Gherghe Hermeneanu greeted the Company before Mayor and Capt. Bradley placed a wreath at the monument honoring local hero from World War I. After the ceremony the men were free to explore the castle and shop at the local shops in the area. On the way back to the train the Company stopped at the Wolf Restaurant and enjoyed a local delight called the "Impailer". While traveling back to Bucharest the train passed through the very oil fields that allied flyers, including our own Col. Ed Myllmaki, that were bombing during WWII. After returning the rest of the evening was at leisure.

Monday ~ October 1st

This morning the Company escorted by local and military police traveled to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for a wreath laying ceremony. Where we met by a company from the Romanian Armies Honor Guard and their Military Band who played the United States and Romanian National Anthem as well as Taps. The U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Taubman was there to participate by placing a wreath along with Capt. Bradley at the Tomb. Once the ceremony was completed, the Company departed for Aviators Park where again supported by the Romanian Military Ambassador Taubman, Capt. Bradley placed a wreaths dedicating the Monument for the American flyers lost during the raids on the Romanian oil fields during WWII.

After pictures were taken a light reception was given back at the hotel. Ambassador Taubman was gracious enough to attend and spoke with many of our members. The rest of the day was at leisure.

That night the Company traveled to the Pescarus Restaurant located on the banks of Herastrau Lake where we were treaded to more local food, music and hospitality.

Tuesday ~ October 2nd

The entire day was at leisure. That night the Company traveled to The Palace of the National Military Center for the 370th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty Banquet.

The Military Center is a monument situated in the very heart of the city. The building was built in 1911 with over 80% of the funds coming from voluntary contributions from military officer. During WWI the building was occupied by troops of the Central Powers and when the army returned they found the building was devastated inside. In 1923 the building restoration was completed. During the Communist regime the command of the Army took all the necessary actions to prevent attempts to take over the building. The building is seen as a symbol of the Romanian Army.

The head table was introduced in the traditional manner, the colors were posted and the ment took their seats. During dinner there were eight toasts given, Lt. General Mihail Orzeata, Director of the General Staff responded to the toast to the Romanian Armed Force, he Deputy Mayor of Bucharest Hon. Grigore loan Popa responded to the toast to the city, and Lt. Col. Barbara Kuennecke United States Defense Attaché responded to the toast to the Armed Forces of the United States.

Other guests at the head table were MGEN Mirceau Savu Chief of Operations, RADM Dorin Danila Chief of Staff of the Navel Forces and Mr. Iulian Fota Chief of the National Defense College.

Wednesday ~ October 3rd

We departed early for the airport and our flight to England. Upon arriving at Heathrow we loaded onto coaches and traveled to Windsor where the Company formed in front of Robert Keane's house to rededicate a plaque that was erected by the Company in 1912. The Deputy Lord Mayor and three members of the HAC, also attended the ceremony, upon conclusion of the ceremony; Capt. Bradley hosted the Deputy Lord Mayor, Members of the HAV and staff to a light lunch.

After lunch the Company toured Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel. Windsor Castle is an official residence of the Queen and the largest occupied castle in the world. After the devastating fire several years ago, the castle has been completely restored utilizing the same original methods and attention to detail that were used when the work was originally done. The furnishings, paintings, armor and architecture were magnificent and kept us all spellbound for the afternoon.

After the tours were complete the Company traveled by coach through the countryside to Portsmouth and the Marriott Hotel. That evening the Company were guests of the Sergeants in the Heritage Suite for a buffet reception.

Thursday ~ October 4th

This morning the Company traveled to Portsmouth Dockyard for a tour of the Mary Rose, which is the only surviving 16th century warship. Thousands of personal, military and domestic objects were on display in the museum.

The Company assembled on the deck HMS Victory for an exchange of flags ceremony, at which time Capt. Bradley gave the Capt. of Victory an American flag that had flown over the USS Constitution on Admiral Nelson's birthday. The Capt. of the Victory presented Capt. Bradley a British flag that had flown over the Victory on the 4th of July. The rest of day was at leisure.

That evening the Company traveled to Goodwood House, which is apart of a twelve thousand acre estate in West Sussex, and has been the home of the Dukes of Richmond for more than three centuries. Members were greeted by the staff and given tours of the residence, before being led to dinner in the ballroom. The meal was excellent and atmosphere was exquisite. We were joined by five members of the HAC led by Maj. Basel Bicknel and Alstair Bassett-Cross, who thanked the Ancients for their hospitality.

Friday ~ October 5th

The entire day was at leisure. Most people took advantage of the shopping and museums, as well as several optional tours.

That evening the Company had dinner on the HMS Warrior, the world's first successful iron-hulled battleship built in 1859. Local musicians that were accompanied by many of our members entertained us. The meal included items such as barrel bottom stew and bread and butter and many other local favorites.

Saturday ~ October 6th

This was a travel day but before going to the airport the Company toured the D-day Museum, had a light lunch and then toured the Royal Marine Museum. Then it was onto Heathrow and a safe flight home.

Submitted By:
Maj. Michael W. Downing 1st Lt.

BUCHAREST MONUMENT DEDICATION
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
1 OCTOBER 2007

Captain Commanding John E. Bradley (center) along with US Ambassador to Romania Nicholas F. Taubman (left) and Florin Necula (right) dedicated monument to fallen US Servicemen on October 1, 2007

BUCHAREST MONUMENT HISTORY
DEDICATED TO AMERICANS KILLED IN ROMANIA

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts representatives held flags in Bucharest October 1, 2007, during the inauguration of a monument dedicated to the memory of the American soldiers who served in Romania during World War II.

U.S. Ambassador to Romania Nicholas Taubman, and Cpt. John E. Bradley of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts stand by a memorial for U.S. troops killed in Romania during WWII, shortly after it was unveiled in Bucharest, Romania, Monday Oct. 1, 2007. The 378 troops, mostly airmen, were killed while executing bombing raids on Romania's oil fields and transport infrastructure, at a time when Romania was a Nazi Germany ally.

AHAC Captain Commanding John E Bradley spoke about the importance of remembering the US Forces, and specifically the US Air Force personnel who were lost in bombing heavily defended strategic Nazi oil refineries in Romania. In one air strike near Bucharest, involving over 179 B-24 liberator bombers, only two thirds returned to base.

REMARKS FROM
U.S. AMBASSADOR NICHOLAS F. TAUBMAN

I am so proud to welcome you to this celebration of the many successful Romanian – American partnerships created and sustained throughout the last 17 years. You, the people here tonight, are the reason for this success. I thank you.

The United States Government has invested over $600 million in economic and development assistance to Romania since 1990. Romania has used this assistance to pursue democratic and economic reforms. Through these important reforms, Romania has succeeded in completing an amazing transformation in just 17 years.

Today, Romania stands at a crossroads. History will look back on Romania and judge how the opportunities now provided through a booming economy and EU accession have been used effectively or squandered. Romania has access to billions of Euro in EU structural funds. International companies are knocking at Romania's door daily. U.S. companies are finding partners and significant manufacturing opportunities in Romania, such as the recent Ford investment in Craiova. This combination of a growing economy and access to structural funds places Romania a unique position to address inequalities of opportunity – Doors can be opened for poor, vulnerable and minority populations to walk through to improve the quality of their lives. Romania must take advantage of this once in a lifetime intersection of public and private sector (investment) to provide the brightest future for all Romanians.

I will continue to work with U.S. business to relay the investment success stories in Romania. And, I will encourage U.S. companies to consider Romania first when looking for international investments. I have said it before, and gladly say it again now – the U.S. has no better friend than Romania. This friendship continues to deepen.

As our USAID program ends in Romania, we look to build upon the successful partnerships we celebrate tonight. Through our joint efforts new ground has been broken in key areas for Romania's continued growth. For example, together we created new financial instruments including mortgage lending; we decreased the red tape and time for registering a business; and created important regulatory bodies. In the area of reproductive health, Romania has become a model for the region and the world in providing access to services. Great strides have been made to increase opportunities for people with disabilities. And, the NGO sector is strong and growing with advocacy voices heard loud and clear throughout all levels of government and society. These and many more successes we have reached together are important for Romania's future.

So, tonight, as we take a moment to celebrate the fruits of our labor, let's also look toward the future. I, for one, know that our partnership from this day forward, based upon trade and investment, shared concern and joint action on key global matters, and a strong friendship between our nations and peoples, will only be stronger over the next 17 years.

Thank you.

BANQUET ~ 2 OCTOBER 2007
THE PALACE OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY CENTER
MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

(The setting for the banquet, Military Center is situated in the very heart of Bucharest)

My fellow Ancients and distinguished guests:

What an honor and privilege it is to be here in the beautiful City of Bucharest and in Romania one of the most beautiful, friendly and vibrant countries we have ever had the pleasure to visit.

We are honored to visit with the people of Romania on this historic 370th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty as ambassadors of good will from the people of Massachusetts and the entire United States. We trust that our visit is true testimony to the growing bonds of friendship between our two countries. We also celebrate the awakening of a vibrant Romanian economy and celebrate Romania's more active involvement with the European and world communities.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Romanian Ministry of Defense for their assistance in making arrangements for this historic visit and for arranging this magnificent venue for our annual trip banquet. I only hope that one day we may be able to reciprocate in our own home city of Boston.

To my colleagues in the Company I trust that you are enjoying your visit and that you will likewise enjoy the remainder of our tour of duty. To our guests, thank you for joining us in a spirit of friendship and camaraderie.

Respectfully,

Captain John E. Bradley
Captain Commanding
2007-2008

370TH FFDTD BANQUET
HEAD TABLE DIGNITARIES AND GUESTS

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LT Leon J. LeBlanc, Quartermaster
COL. Stuart P. Tauber, PC, Chief of Staff
COL. Thomas E. Richter, Adjutant

GUESTS

Lt. General Mihail Orzeata, Director of General Staff
Deputy Mayor of Bucharest, Honorable Grigore Ioan Popa
Lt. Col. Barbara Kuennecke, United States Defense Attaché
MGEN Mircea Savu, Chief of Operations
RADM Dorin Danila, Chief of Staff of the Naval Forces
Mr. Iulian Fota, Chief of the National Defense College.

TOASTS GIVEN

The President of the United States of America
The President of Romania
Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II
The Armed Forces of Romania
The Armed Forces of the United States
The City of Bucharest
The City of Boston
The Honourable Artillery Company of London
The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

PLAQUE DEDICATION – ROBERT KEANE HOUSE
WINDSOR, ENGLAND
3 OCTOBER 2007

FIRST CAPTAIN COMMANDING OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS
ROBERT KEAYNE

The First Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company was Robert Keayne. Born in 1595, in Windsor, England, his interests led him toward a career in merchant tailoring. He moved to London in 1615 and was admitted into the membership of the Merchant Tailor Corporation. It was during this time period Robert Keayne joined the Honorable Artillery Company of London in 1623.

In 1635, at the age of 40, he immigrated to Boston, via the ship "Defence". He established his home and his workrooms at the southeast corner of today's State and Washington Streets and began to prosper far beyond the average colonist.

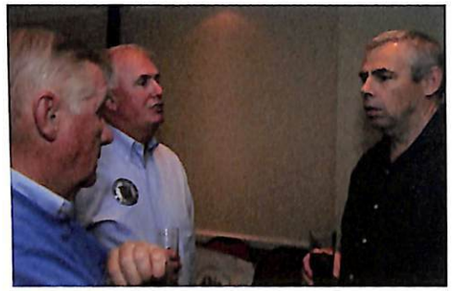
Two years after arriving in America he was one of the organizers of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. After Governor Winthrop granted the Charter of the Military Company of Massachusetts in 1638, Robert Keayne was elected as the first Captain.

DINNER AT GOODWOOD HOUSE
PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND
3 October 2007

EXCHANGE OF FLAGS AT HMS VICTORY
PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND
4 OCTOBER 2007

On Thursday 4th October, 68 members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts visited HMS Victory in order to present an American flag to the ship that had been flown on USS Constitution on the 29th September, Nelson's birthday. The flag, which was accompanied by a certificate signed by the Constitution's Commanding Officer, was handed over to Lieutenant Commander John Scivier, Victory's Commanding Officer by the captain commanding the Honorables, Captain John Bradley. In response to this generous gift, a naval white ensign, flown on Victory on the 4th July will be presented to the Commanding Officer and crew of the Constitution when Lt Cdr Scivier officially visits Boston in November to conduct a liaison and fact finding visit with Victory's American counterpart.

Lieutenant Commander Scivier: 'It was a great honour to be able to accept this flag from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and USS Constitution. HMS Victory has a long standing relationship with Constitution and the chance to exchange flags further reinforces that special bond. We have come a long way from the turbulent and confrontational period in the early nineteenth century when these two ships were fighting for opposing navies. From those times, we have become firm friends and strong allies and these flags symbolize that bond. I very much look forward to the chance to formally present our ensign to the CO of Constitution. This event also signifies the start of a special relationship with the Artillery Company, whose members it was a pleasure to receive onboard for this presentation.



DINNER ON HMS WARRIOR
PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND
4 OCTOBER 2007

STONEHENGE EXCURSION

DEPARTING PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND

FALL FIELD DAY TOUR OF DUTY ROSTER
Bucharest, Romania and Portsmouth, England
27 September thru 6 October 2007

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Roy Chase, Sr.
Henry Colella
Paul Colella
Robert Connors
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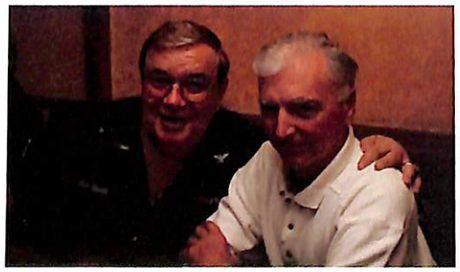

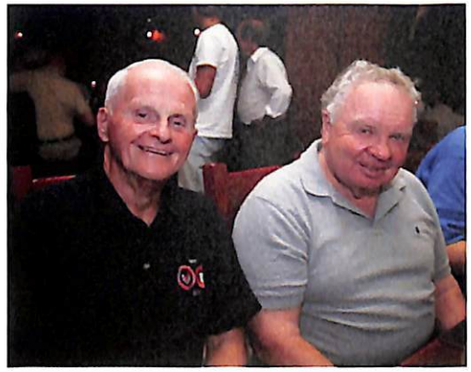

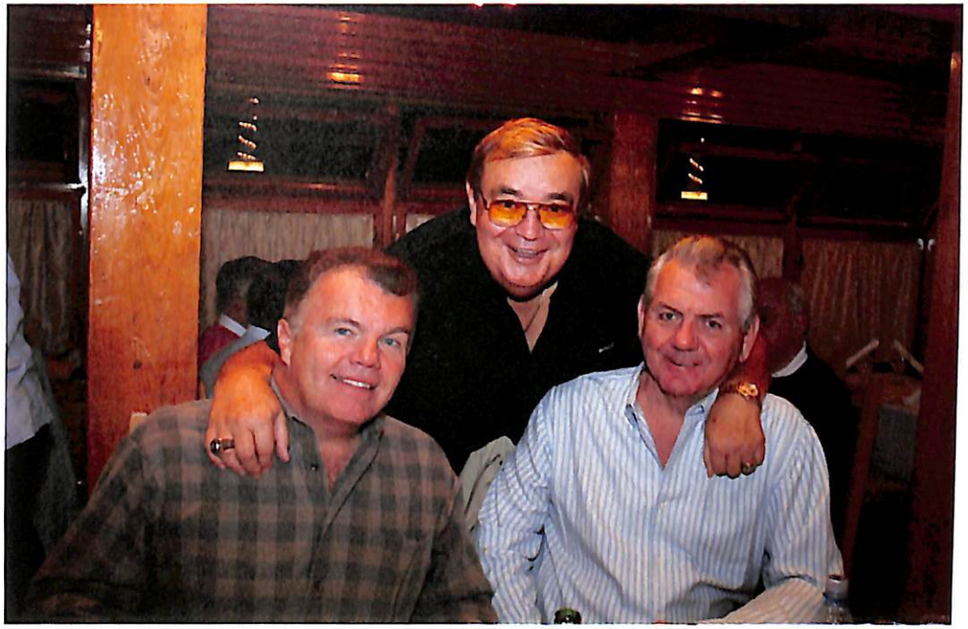

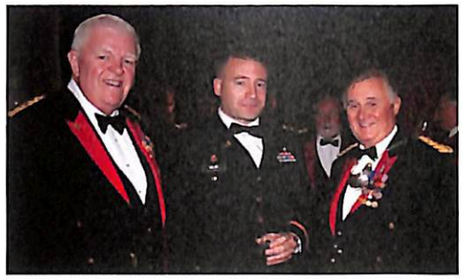

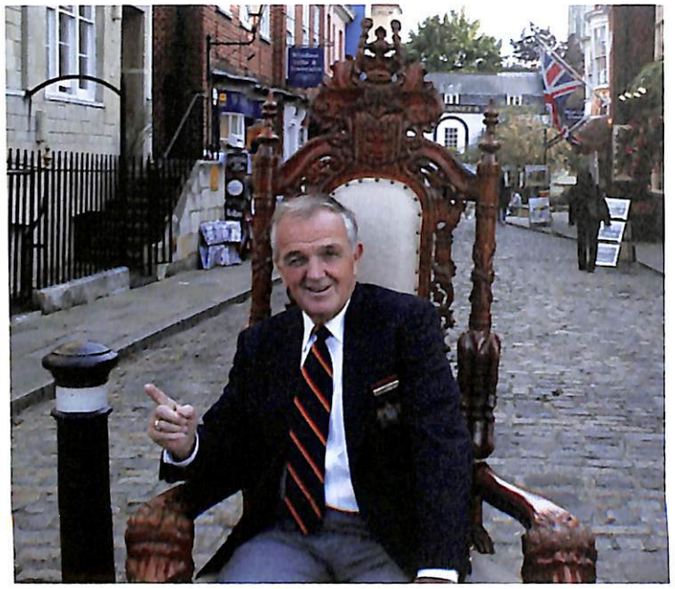

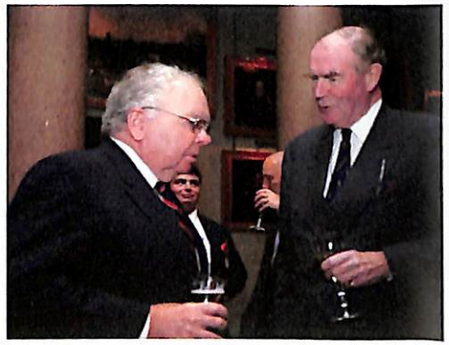

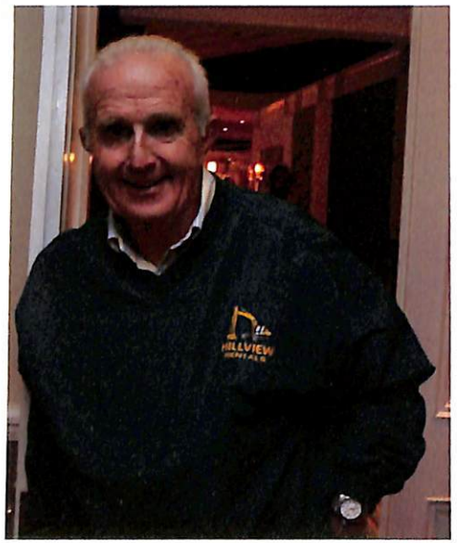

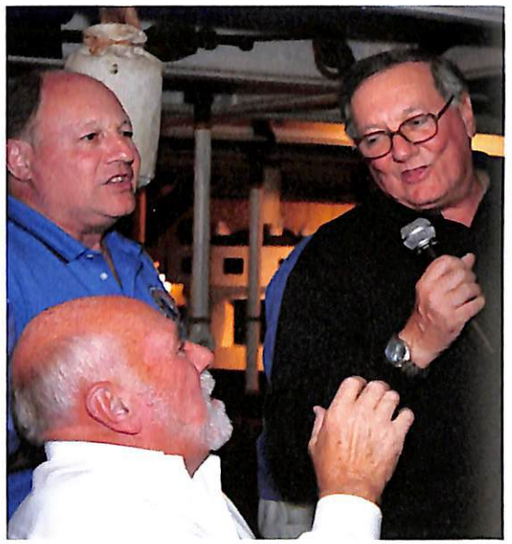

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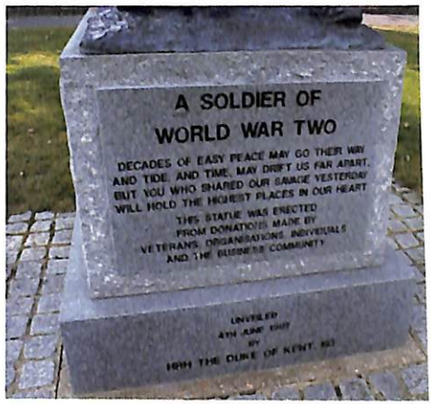
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DECADES OF EASY PEACE MAY GO THEIR WAY
AND TIDE AND TIME MAY DRIFT US FAR APART
BUT YOU WHO SHARED OUR SAVAGE YESTERDAY
WILL HOLD THE HIGHEST PLACES IN OUR HEART
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Ancient and Honorable
Artillery Company
of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

Company
Activities and Events

VETERANS' DAY AT STATE HOUSE
11 NOVEMBER 2007

THE MALDEN ADVOCATE - **Friday, November 30, 2007**

HONORED: Governor Deval Patrick honored and paid tribute to all veterans at the Hall of Flags in the State House on Veterans' Day. He paid tribute to all veterans at the reception including Captain Sam Cherone, a Korean and Vietnam combat veteran. Captain Cherone is a member of the ancient and honorable Artillery Company and served as a member of the honor guard for Governor Patrick's memorial service to Veterans' Day.

LIEUTENANTS' BALL
1 DECEMBER 2007

123RD PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCHEON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER ADMIRAL MARK W. KENNY
18 FEBRUARY 2008

This event, originally titled the Washington's Birthday Celebration is the one hundred twenty second commemoration of the participation of the Company of Honorary Escort to the President of the United States on the occasion of the dedication of the Washington Monument on Saturday, the twenty-first day of the February 1885. President Chester A. Arthur was a member of the Company having been enrolled on 12 October 1882.

Excerpted from the Company Record of 19-23 February 1885:

The Company breakfasted early on Saturday morning; at about nine o'clock the line was formed, and the Company leaving the hotel marched past the Riggs House, where a marching salute was paid to Gov. Robinson of Massachusetts. Thence the Company proceeded to its place in a grand procession. In Gen. Philip Sheridan's orders, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company was assigned as honorary escort to the President of the United States. The extreme cold made the duty of the day very hard, "it being so cold that the wind instruments were frozen." The exercises at the monument having been concluded, the procession moved from the monument grounds through Seventeenth Street to the new State, War and Navy department buildings, and thence in front of the Executive Mansion, through Fifteenths Street to Pennsylvania Avenue. The procession was reviewed by the President from the platform of the Capitol and by Gen. Sheridan from the opposite side of the street. The Artillery Company, in their new overcoats, presented a very solid appearance, and were highly complimented when Gen. Sheridan said that "they appeared to better advantage than the regulars in their march by the reviewing stand." The Artillery Company returned immediately to the hotel.

The annual President's Day luncheon commemorates the AHAC's participation in the inauguration of Chester A. Arthur in 1885. President Arthur was a member of the Company.

Rear Admiral Mark W. Kenny, Commander, Center for Submarine Counter-terrorism Operations was the guest speaker at the President's Day Luncheon of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC) at Faneuil Hall. Attendees to this 123rd Annual luncheon include Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and Mayor Thomas Menino.

Unlike today, the Company in 1885 marched under arms: rifles with fixed bayonets.

An interesting note: In 1885 the Company recruited 53 new members, including Massachusetts industrialist and philanthropist Oliver Ames.

USO NIGHT ~ A BIGGER MISSION
27 MARCH 2008

We have a bigger mission. With increasing demands being placed on our military all over the world, those demands have given our New England USO a daunting challenge to provide additional services to our men and women in the armed services. Between our newly renovated space at Logan Airport, and our headquarters at the Coast Guard Base, we have assisted over 10,000 personnel in 2007 alone.

Captain Commanding John E. Bradley and USO New England President Richard D. Armstrong host USO Night in support of the USO of New England and their noble efforts:

- USO of New England Finds "Room for Improvement" at Boston Logan International Airport
- USO Welcome Center expected to serve over 7000 members of the US Military in 2008
- USO Operation Phone Home
- Operation USO Care Package
- United Through Reading
- Operation Enduring Care
- Mobile USO Program
- Gifts from the Homefront
- Operation Mail Call
- USO CarePages

ANNUAL SPRING SHOOT
12 APRIL 2008

Spring Shoot Report

On Saturday 12 April 2008 over 150 Ancients and guests gathered at the Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club to participate in the Company's annual marksmanship competition. The weather conditions at 0800 were ominous with heavy rain and thunderstorms in the area. Mother Nature was on the Ancient's side for by 0815 the rain had stopped and the skies brightened.

After registration and coffee, safety briefings and preliminary marksmanship were conducted. Firing commenced at 1010 hrs. The US Army Caliber .30 MI rile, the weapon that won World War II was used in the competition. Several members of the Company brought their personal weapons and concurrent firing was conducted on the pistol range.

At the conclusion of firing, scores were tabulated and a collation and an awards ceremony were held. Many in attendance commented on the success of the day and particularly the efforts on the staff of Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club in making the day a memorable event.

Respectfully submitted by,

John S. Marini
LT AHAC
Ordinance Officer

SALEM MUSTER – 371st ANNIVERSARY
19 APRIL 2008

The annual commemoration of the First Muster and sendoff for troops celebrated its 371st anniversary of the Salem Muster of 1637 and the founding of the National Guard.

The history of the Massachusetts National Guard began on December 13, 1636 when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered the organization of the colony's militia companies into the North, South, and East Regiments. The colonists adopted the English militia system as their model, which obligated all males between the ages of 16 and 60 to possess arms and participate in the defense of the community. The early colony militia drilled once a week and provided guard details to sound the alarm in case of attack. Today the Massachusetts National Guard continues its historic mission of providing units for both national and state defense.

The 126th Brigade Support Battalion's Forward Logistics Element marches through the Salem Common during the 371st Anniversary of the First Muster on Saturday. It was also a send-off for the battalion, which is being deployed to Iraq.
Linsey Tait / Staff photo

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER - LONDON, ENGLAND
24 APRIL 2008

REMARKS FROM STUART P. TAUBER, CHIEF OF STAFF

On 23 April, 2008 I accompanied Captain John E. Bradley, Captain Commanding to London, England to attend two celebrations with members of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC).

The first event was the annual St. George's dinner held at Armoury House, London on the evening of 24 April 2008. As usual this was a very formal, full dress military dinner that was well attended and attracted some very high profile and distinguished guests. The guest of honor was His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent GVCO.

Also at the head table were Field Marshall the Lord Peter Inge, General Sir Michael Wilkes, The right Honorable Michael Portillo (former member of Parliament) and General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman (the President of the Honourable Artillery Company). The Captain and I were assigned to the head table and were introduced to the attending guests. Captain Bert Caldwell and Captain Paul Knouse were visiting HAC friends and were also in attendance. When the dinner, the speakers, the toasts and singing of traditional aires ended, the head table guests were invited into a private room to sign the Vellum Book. The Velum Book is an historic guest register that dates back to the early sixteenth century and contains signatures of many prominent figures from English history. After the book signing we stayed at Armoury House and socialized with our hosts until retiring later in the evening. As usual it was a wonderful event and we were able to renew old friendships and continue to promote the great bond between our two organizations.

Guest of Honor and Honorary Member of Honourable Artillery Company of London, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent

DEDICATION OF TREE AT JOHN F.KENNEDY MEMORIAL
RUNNYMEADE MEMORIAL PARK - LONDON
25 APRIL 2008

The next event took place on Friday 25 April 2008. We headed to Runnymeade which is a large meadow and memorial park outside of London next to Windsor. It was here in 1215 The Magna Carter was signed, marking the beginning of civil liberties in England and a benchmark for democracy and constitutional government throughout the world. Here in 1965, an acre of soil was given to the United States by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to commemorate the life of John F. Kennedy. In this beautiful and pastoral setting, the AHAC was donating and planting an oak tree to add to the Memorial for our past President and member of the Company, JFK. This was originally scheduled during the Fall Field Tour of Duty but had to be postponed due to quarantine for a livestock disease at that time. Now, with the assistance of the H.A.C.'s Boston Association, we completed the mission on this beautiful day. Captain Bradley and I were joined by Capt. Bert Caldwell and Capt. Paul Knouse at the memorial in Runnymeade. We were also joined by Jeremy Cowdry, the current vice-president of the Boston Association and Basil Bicknell, the association's immediate vice-president. Also in attendance were Roger Howells, David Thomkins and David Griffiths of the H.A.C. We held a short ceremony and planted the three using commemorative shovels. The ground was prepared by the Runnymeade Warden and his staff. Great care was given by these very dedicated public servants. The whole event was very nicely accomplished and we are very thankful to both the H.A.C.-Boston Association and the Runnymeade Park services for their work in making this happen. The commemorative shovels are being engraved and our museum and the H.A.C. museum will each have one for display. After the ceremony we all went out for delightful lunch at a nearby quintessential English country inn. Captain Bradley and I returned to the States on Sunday 27 April and again we all owe a debt of thanks to our comrades of the H.A.C. for assisting us with this endeavor.

Respectively submitted by:

Colonel Stuart P. Tauber
Chief of Staff

The Kennedy Memorial is situated at Runnymede, the meadow on the banks of the Thames where King John sealed the Magna Carta in 1215.

The Memorial was opened by the Queen on the 14th May 1965 in the presence of the Prime Minster and many members of the Kennedy family.

ELECTION OF 2008-2009 OFFICERS
12 MAY 2009

Jerome Sweeney, Commanding Captain
1st Lieutenant John F. Moynihan
2nd Lieutenant Paul M. Colella
Lt. Leon J. LeBlanc, Quartermaster
MAJ Robert M. McGuire, Paymaster
LT Arthur F. Conrad, Personnel Adjutant
LT Jeffrey P. Morrill, Chairman – Finance Committee
LT Jeff Kane, Trustee of Permanent Fund
SGT. Stuart A. Dudley, Military Museum & Library Committee

Elected to serve as Sergeants 2008-2009 were:

INFANTRY

1st SGT	LTC Walton B. Stamper
2nd SGT	PO2 Daniel H. Carroll Jr
3rd SGT	CPL Henry J. Collela
4th SGT	CPT Sam G. Cherone, Jr.
5th SGT	CPT Nathaniel K. Brown
6th SGT	SP4 Charles J. Mantville Jr.

ARTILLERY

1st SGT	SSG James Weydt
2nd SGT	CPL Paul S. Tedeschi
3rd SGT	CW5 Paul J. Crehan
4th SGT	PVT Thomas P.Gillis.
5th SGT	PVT Louis P. Placentini
6th SGT	Dr. Louis W. Placentini

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

Ceremonies, Dedications And Parades

BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE
14 JUNE 2007

Captain Commanding, Captain John E. Bradley and the Ancients participated in a ceremony commemorating the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument (1825) and the opening of the Bunker Hill Monument Museum.

PLYMPTON PARADE
23 JUNE 2007

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (Ancients) marched in Plympton 300th Anniversary Parade on June 23rd. Local Plymouth area members of the Company include Col. William Raabe and Capt. Daniel May.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
4 JULY 2007

Captain Commanding John E. Bradley, a Boston West End resident and 299th Commander, read the Declaration of Independence from the Old State House balcony as part of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (Ancients) participation in Boston's Independence Day Parade, July 4th. This reading continues a tradition that dates back to July 18, 1776, when COL. Thomas Crafts, a member of the Company, first read the new declaration to the citizens of Boston.

The Ancients participated in the flag raising ceremony at City Hall Plaza as well as placing wreaths at the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock and Robert Treat Paine, signers of the Declaration of Independence. A wreath was also placed on the grave of Peter Faneuil.

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE
17 NOVEMBER 2007

Captain Commanding John E. Bradley and the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts participated in the Town of Plymouth, Thanksgiving Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 17, 2007. They were joined by members of the armed services and veterans' organizations.

PATRIOTS DAY PARADE
21 APRIL 2008

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts participated in the observance of Patriot's Day commencing with the flag raising at City Hall Plaza, followed by a parade to King's Chapel Burying Ground for the purpose of placing a wreath on the tomb of MAJ William Dawes, a member of this Company and its Clerk in 1789. The Company then paraded to the Old Granary Burial Ground and laid a wreath at the grave of Paul Revere. The parade continued to its completion at the Paul Revere Mall on Hanover Street in the North End. The Company served as the escort to His Honor Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of the City of Boston during the ceremonies.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S DINNER
24 APRIL 2008

The Annual Judge Advocate's Dinner was held on April 24, 2008 at the Radisson Boston Hotel.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Attorney General Martha Coakley
Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley
Norfolk County District Attorney William R. Keating

2007-2008 JUDGE ADVOCATE'S RECOGNITION AWARD RECEIPENT FOR EXCELLENCE AT THE BENCH AND BAR

Honorable Charles A. Abedella

2007-2008 JUDGE ADVOCATE'S DINNER COMMITTEE

Lt. Paul B. Carroll, Judge Advocate, Chairman

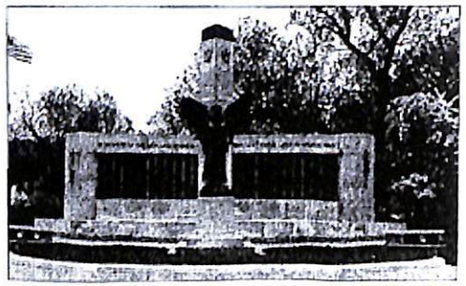
Lt. Peter Antell
COL Thaddeus Buczko
SSG Michael C. Cullen
Lt. John Keith
Lt. John Marini
Sgt. Christopher Podgurski
Lt. Paul V. Buckley
Lt. Paul M. Colella
LTC Gene Flynn
BG Francis A. LaBollita
BG Joseph A. Milano
LTC Salvatore F. Stramondo

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
24 MAY 2008

The 62nd Annual Memorial Day Services were held at S/SGT. Charles A. MacGillivary Veterans Memorial Park. This event was sponsored by the City of Boston, Thomas M. Menino, Mayor and The Veterans' Services Department, Eugene J. Vaillancourt, Commissioner in conjunction with AMVETS, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and other veterans organizations.

Lead by M/Sgt. Gerald F. Kelly, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Color Guard performed the entrance and retiring of Colors. The distinguished guest for this event was Brigadier General Thomas J. Sellars.

THE CITY OF BOSTON
WWII, KOREAN, AND VIETNAM MEMORIALS
SGT. CHARLES A. MACGILLIVARY PARK



As we find ourselves in armed conflict in extreme parts of the globe, we make special acknowledgements of those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

FIELD OF HONOR DEDICATION
24 MAY 2008

The delegation met at the George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion in Cohasset, Massachusetts. The second annual Healing Field consisted of 428 American Flags on 6 foot poles had been placed on a grassy knoll across from the legion post.

The Ancients were joined by the combined color guard of the American Legion, Women's Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion along with many other members of these organizations and other veterans and active military.

Dignitaries who spoke at the event included Lieutenant Governor Tim Murry who was very generous with his time with, and praise for, the Ancients.

Captain Commanding Bradley also spoke on behalf of the Ancients and, along with Colonel Thomas Richter, placed a wreath from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company at the Healing Field.

Following the ceremony a collation was held at the American Legion Post. The only dark cloud on the day was when Captain Bradley was encouraging your fellow Ancients to run up the bar tab I had going for them.

I personally thanked Captain Bradley for leading this delegation and to my fellow Ancients who participated. Our Company was well represented in this very inspirational site and dedication. I cannot tell you how proud I was to be an Ancient that day.

Among the delegation were:

CPT John E. Bradley
CPT Roy Chase
CPT Arthur Begin
CPT Thomas Rupp
MAJ Matthew Bourassa
COL Thomas Richter
LT Paul Covell
BG Paul Modestino
1 SGT Nicholas Rioux
SGT Thomas Furey

MSGT Jerry Kelly
SSGT William Masson
SSGT John Welch
SSGT Peter A. Petrillo
SSGT John S. Tassinari
SSGT Robert J. Durand
SSGT Brian O'Malley
SSGT Theodore Sarandis
SSGT John Covell

Respectfully submitted by

SSGT John Covell

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

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370th Anniversary Proceedings

2 June 2008

GOVERNOR'S DINNER
1 JUNE 2008

REVEILLE
2 JUNE 2008

CAPTAIN'S BREAKFAST

JUNE 2, 2008

PARADE DELEGATIONS & MARCHING UNITS

JUNE 2, 2008

CHURCH PROGRAM

JUNE 2, 2008

THREE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Church Service

1638 2008

The Cathedral Church Of Saint Paul

Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Monday, 2 June 2008
Captain John E. Bradley
Captain Commanding

Anniversary Sermon
Chaplain (LT) Bartley MacPhaidin, CSC

Author of The Anniversary Ode
CPT Richard D. Armstrong, Jr.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Salutation To The Colors

Invocation
Chaplain (COL) Edward D. McCabe

Reading of The Scripture
Chaplain (CPT) Frank M. Waldorf

Let There Be Music – Williams

Reading of the Death Roll
Adjutant, COL Thomas E. Richter

Prayer
Chaplain (BG) Robert M. Durkee

Soldier's Rest – Scott
Edward Harney, Trumpeter

Sermon
Chaplain (LT) Bartley MacPhaidin, CSC

Battle Hymn Of The Republic – Howe
Jackie Thurrott, Soloist

Anniversary Ode
CPT Richard D. Armstrong, Jr.

National Anthem – Key

Benediction
Chaplain (BG) Robert M. Durkee

Postlude
Marvin Eatough, Organist

DEATH ROLL

4 JUNE 2007 – 1 JUNE 2008

LT Walter G. Leonard, MD
Died: 1 August 2007
Enrolled: 1 May 1967
Served: 40 Years
Senior Life Member

BG Donald P. Dressler, MD
Died: 5 September 2007
Enrolled: 12 June 1978
Served: 29 Years
Senior Life Member

MG Arnold R. MacCollum
Died: 11 September 2007
Enrolled: 9 June 1994
Served: 13 Years
Regular Member

SGT Phillip F. Coury
Died: 4 October 2007
Enrolled: 8 September 1988
Served: 19 Years
Regular Member

SGT Eugene A. Fortine
Died: 1 December 2005
(notification rec'd 11 Dec 2007)
Enrolled: 2 August 1999
Served: 6 Years
Right-of-Descent Member

BG James L. Duff
Died: 31 December 2007
Enrolled: 13 May 1968
Served: 39 Years
Senior Life Member

LT (JG) Frederick Morrill
Died: 16 February 2008
Enrolled: 7 May 1956
Served: 51 Years
Senior Life Member

CPT James E. Clair, Jr
Died: 4 March 2008
Enrolled: 31 May 1988
Served: 19 Years
Regular Member

SGT Frederick W. McGarrah
Died: 28 March 2008
Enrolled: 28 September 1970
Served: 27 Years
Life Member

CPT Stanley M. Lewis
Died: 4 April 2008
Enrolled: 12 September 1984
Served: 23 Years
Senior Life Member

LT Joseph J. Walsh
Died: 14 April 2008
Enrolled: 26 September 1966
Served: 41 Years
Senior Life Member

SP3 Herbert D. Schofield
Died: 21 April 2008
Enrolled: 14 January 2002
Served: 6 Years
Regular Member

ANNIVERSARY ODE

2 JUNE 2008

WE COME TO PAY TRIBUTE

We gather in this Holy place to seek the blessings of HE who IS LOVE. We give prayerful tribute to those who went before us wearing the uniform of this Ancient Company. We give this tribute to our proven leaders and those who follow today and future todays. We pay tribute to all who wear the uniform of the United States of America where ever they serve across this world. We humbly invoke these prayers in the name of all the Prophets and Patriarchs of the Old Testament and the Saints and Martyrs and of the New Testament.

We are in a Towne that Oliver Wendell Holmes caused to be described as the HUB OF THE UNIVERSE ... a place where just a few years before our company was chartered, the first English settlers came to land on a peninsula by a stream ...called Shawmut by the local Algonquin inhabitants. These settlers came here to escape religious persecution and for a new life in a new world.

Renamed Boston by John Winthrop in 1630, this City on a Hill became the intellectual and commercial center of the developing colonies. It was a shipbuilding capital and the primary port. Mills were built where iron was forged and wool was processed. Later it was here in this City that some call the birthing place of American democracy, that brave and true patriots, some members of this Company, helped create historic documents, saw lanterns in a belfry arch, watched a silver smith mount his steed to sound an alarm, saw men massacred, and fought to defend Bunker Hill.

Soon after Winthrop arrived, he chartered the Military Company of the Massachusetts. We are the heirs of that great and historic gubernatorial act. This bequest is a jewel in the fabric of Boston and a part of the very soul of this City. Our Armory in Faneuil Hall with its much cherished museum houses and carefully preserves the rich history of that time. Centuries have rolled down the echoing walls of that Armory and Our Company is now entrusted to all of us. We salute all...those before us...those to follow...those who give witness today by being ever vigilant that this Company, gifted to us after more than almost four centuries of passing in review is now ours to care for. Those who march across the common and take command today will further define and hone our mission and lead us in this endeavor. They will light our way through the task of making the oldest chartered Military Company in this hemisphere a strong and continuing contributor to The Commonwealth and true to the traditions of our chartered mission. The fire must never be left unattended. The liberties and privileges we have by dint of our enlistment require us to serve and enhance the public weale and safety of the citizens, us all. This duty must be performed with a firm resolve.

We march through the Towne of Boston today to the oldest public park in our nation. Each step that we take is an act celebrating our history. Washington, like Franklin and Winthrop and many other great citizens since, watched men before us take those important steps.

Members of this Company are heroes of military service, and principals of commerce, education, religious life, public service and the professions. This country has stopped in supreme tribute and paid its highest award, the Medal of Honor, to eight men who would later serve under this Company's colors. Four of our members have led the free world as President of the United States of America. Our members have served from the Lexington Green to the French beaches and battlefields, from the Chosin Reservoir and the canals of the Kien Hoa Province to the souks of Baghdad. Our members have carried the honor and traditions of this Company into every war and conflict since this Company was organized. The patriotism of the members of Our Company underscores the shared belief that we are the land of the free because we are truly the home of the brave.

In a few moments let us leave this House of God and take this Company, this sacred vessel of history with us. Let us be good sentries and watch over our Company and enhance the community that is ours under God with liberty and justice for all.

Written and presented by Captain Richard Armstrong

PRE BANQUET RECEPTION FOR JEB BUSH
1 JUNE 2008

370th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
2 JUNE 2008

370th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
HEAD TABLE GUESTS
2 JUNE 2008

HEAD TABLE

Dr. Phillip Budden, British Consul Gen'l
COL Joe Burch, CDR, 101st RTI
COL Malcom Burr, Natick Army Sldr Ctr
CDR William Bullard, USS Constitution
HON Jeb Bush, Fmr Gov Florida
MG Joseph Carter, TAGMA
Mr. Jeremy Cowdry, HAC Boston Assoc.
MAJ Timothy Davies, HAC
Mr. Dan Dimancescu, Consul for Romania
CAPT Thomas Hudner, USN Ret CMH
CAPT Scott Keene, CG Base Boston Cdr
RADM Mark Kenny, USN Ctr Terrorism
CAPT Frederick Kenney, 1st USCG District (Representing RADM Sullivan)
BG Thomas Sellars, MAARNG
Mr. Gene Vaillancourt, Boston Vet Svc

GUESTS

CPT Larry Anno, MG Carter Aid
Mr. Richard Belcher
CSM Peter Brooks, CSM Ft Devens
Mr. Michael Carney
SEN Bob Clegg, NH Senate
CPT Thomas Cleark, BG Sellars' Aid
CSM David Costa, State CSM
Mr. Timothy Costello
Mr. Donald Cox
CPT Anthony Giardino, USMCR
Dr. Robert Gough
Mr. Thomas Kershisnik
BG Frederic Lincoln, AHAC Geneologist
Mr. Thomas Lynch
Mr. Milton Martin
Mr. Harry McCormick
Mr. Joseph McDonald, Sr.
Mr. Donald Mester
Mr. Frank Monteiro
Mr. James Morrill
Mr. Tom Moynihan
LTC Steven Nott, CDR Fort Devens
Mr. John Shea, Lexington Host
Mrs. John Shea, Lexington Host
Mr. Stephen Spenlinko
Mr. Christopher Sweeney
LTC Donald Thieme, I&I 25th Marine Regt
Mr. Brian Walker

370th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
EIGHT TOASTS
2 JUNE 2008

The President of the United States: This coming January the incumbent President George W. Bush will leave office after eight tumultuous years. After the heat of the political wars has cooled, history will render judgment on his performance and legacy. In January another will assume the mantle of leadership in a peaceful transfer of power that has been the hallmark of our enduring Republic since Washington passed the office to Adams. Individuals are transcendent, but the office is enduring. To the President of the United States!

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HRH Queen Elizabeth II: The monarchy of the United Kingdom is the embodiment of the spirit, history, tradition and character that is that great nation. Queen Elizabeth reigns as the moral exemplar of all that is British. She represents patriotism, national pride, duty, courage and a steadfast national willingness to "do the right thing" as a national legacy to civilization. From these shores she represents the face of our most loyal friend among the community of nations. To HRH Queen Elizabeth!

Responding to the toast, the British Consul General, Dr. Phillip Budden.

Thank you very much for the honor of being able to reply to that toast. Her Majesty would be, as we say in England, well chuffed with those kind regards from this side of the pond. So thank you very much for Her Majesty.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Massachusetts is a small state, but has made a huge impact on the development and history of our country. From our humble beginnings in 1620, Massachusetts has been the crucible of big ideas, innovation and a quirky dedication to doing what is right for our citizens and for the betterment of humanity. To our Commonwealth!

Responding to the Third Regular Toast, the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Major General Joseph Carter.

Fellow Ancients, ladies and gentlemen and distinguished guests, in particular Governor Jeb Bush, on behalf of His Excellency Deval Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, thank you for that warm introduction of our Commonwealth. I ask that all of you, as the Adjutant General I ask all of you to keep in your prayers all of our Soldiers, Airmen and especially their families, who are defending our liberty, justice and freedom while engaged in the global war on terror.

I also extend, on behalf of the Governor, a salute to your Outgoing Captain Commanding Bradley and warm and congratulatory welcome and good and

steadfast success to your Incoming Commander, Captain Sweeney. God bless you, and thank you for this great honor.

The Armed Forces of the United States: Duty, Honor, Country says it all. We are blessed with free men and women willing to place service above self in defense of our country's interests and in the defense of human rights and wellbeing. To the Armed Forces of the United States!

Responding to the Fourth Regular Toast is Brigadier General Thomas Sellars.

Thank you, Captain Commanding. It is indeed a pleasure to represent the 6,200 members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard tonight, and I say to the men and women of our Armed Forces -- Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, heroes all -- they are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances, displaying courage, dedication, determination. Proud Americans all, our Armed Forces.

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The Republic of Romania: Romania and its beautiful capital city of Bucharest are on the cutting edge of the Eastern European renaissance. Blessed with a friendly, multi-ethnic population imbued with entrepreneurial spirit, magnificent natural beauty and positioned to be a center of modern commerce, Romania has emerged from decades of difficult political and economic times ready to take control of her own future and embrace the prosperity of the 21st century. To our recent host country Romania!

To respond to the toast, the Honorary Consul General Dimancescu of the great country of Romania.

It's a great honor to be before you this evening, but it was a much greater honor that many of you were able to visit my country, Romania, and to meet the Romanian people.

Romania is a country that suffered through many wars -- World War I, most recently World War II -- with enormous, enormous casualties and today is a country that in its heart is very, very warm towards the United States, as are its hopes, perhaps unusual in Europe for the intensity of that emotion. As you know, there are now four small military bases in Romania. That makes it much closer to the United States in its expectations and aspirations.

So tonight let me return the toast from the Romanian people to you. Thank you very much.

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The City of Boston: By American standards, Boston is an old city, but it is a city of youthful attitude. Boston is reborn every September when the students flock to our colleges and universities. Boston is reborn every spring with the first crack of the bat at Fenway Park. Boston is reborn every day when a new immigrant family arrives; seeking freedom, opportunity and the chance for a better life. Each day is a day of renewal somewhere in this city. To our hometown Boston!

Responding to the toast to our great city is the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for the City of Boston, Gene Vaillancourt.

Thank you. On behalf of the Mayor of the City of Boston, the Honorable Thomas M. Menino, and the Veteran Services Department, let me just say thank you to the Ancients and Honorables for inviting me here this evening.

It has been a pleasure over the past year to work with Captain Commanding Bradley, General Kelly and the Color Guard during all the events that we celebrated in our city. We are looking forward to working with Captain Sweeney, hoping that he has a successful year. And, Governor Bush, I want to thank you for all that you've done in the state of Florida. Thank you very much. Thank you Ancients and Honorables. Have a great evening. Thank you.

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The Honourable Artillery Company: We salute the organization that provided the inspiration for the foundation of our great Company; and we salute the men and women of a great British Regiment comprised of citizen soldiers and military veterans dedicated to the service of Queen and Country at home and abroad. To the Honourable Artillery Company!

Responding to the toast to the Honourable Artillery Company of London is someone that I have become a great admirer of, someone I met for the first time about 18 months ago. He works tirelessly16 to bring our two companies together, Jeremy Cowdry.

Gentlemen of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, Massachusetts, I bring greetings from London, England. Since I last saw you, I have been made the vice-president of the Boston Association.

To start with, I am very sorry to hear that my opposite number, Major General Lynch, has undergone a serious operation, and I wish him and all his family our prayers that its father, General Lynch, recovers from this, and I hope next year General Lynch will be here. He has carried out enormous work on behalf of your Company, and we are very appreciative.

The senator has spoken about change. For many years, Major Basil Bicknell has carried out marvelous work on behalf of the Honourable Artillery Company as the vice-president. He eventually persuaded me, as his former driver, to take over the role. When I did so, I said he would be a hard act to follow. Basil is sorry he can't be here today, but I'm sure that all of you who have dealt with him over the years will thank him for what he has done.

It is normal for a person representing the Honourable Artillery Company to speak on behalf of what we have done over the years on matters military. We are continuing to support our allies, the Americans, and we have troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and some in Serbia. I'm sorry to report that Trooper Jack Sadler was fatally injured, and we have one other member who was badly injury, but he is recovering.

The Armed Forces of the British Empire that remain are under considerable stress. The Colonel Commandant of the Honourable Artillery Company, General Granville-Chapman, reported to us at the last meeting that a decade ago the troops

of England were probably the best trained but less experienced. After ten years we are now one of the most experienced fighting forces, but they are not as highly trained as they could be due to the amount and pressure of work.

It is hoped that we will be able in the near future to wind down a bit. And though you have read in your newspapers that we're under strain, I can assure you that we will continue to support the Americans.

I am particularly glad on a personal nature to report that my nephew, Captain Cowdry of the Scotts Guards, is now engaged in Cyprus with his troops, having completed a nine-month tour in Iraq. He was particularly delighted to spend five weeks in Kuwait advising American troops, some 20,000, on fratricide; i.e., what a British troop looks like and what the vehicle looks like, and you shouldn't fire on us.

He was very well looked after, as were the five other members of the Honourable Artillery Company on this visit, and we thank you very much.
And I thank Captain Bradley for his kind words. It was a delight to have you over.

And I am pleased to say we have planted the tree to your former member, President Kennedy, and he will be remembered for many years at Runnymede.

Good night, gentlemen.

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The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts: Since 1638 service has been the watchword of this Company and the individuals who have been listed on its rolls. In the beginning, young men joined to learn the fundamentals of military leadership to take back to their community militia bands in preparation for the common defense. Over the years the role of the Company evolved and we serve a ceremonial mission, serve as guardians of history and tradition, honor the service of our military men and women and foster fraternal activity. Our members now, as ever, represent citizens who wish to make a contribution to the common wealth, if you would, of our City, State and Nation. Service then, service now and service in the future: the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company!

Responding to the Eighth Regular Toast is Captain John E. Bradley.

In trying to prepare some remarks for tonight, I felt that I could not do what is in my heart justice to tell the members of this Company what almost 39 years of membership has meant to me.

When I joined this Company back in 1969, I certainly did not think I ever would be standing at this podium. I was just honored to be a red board. It was trying to follow the example of my friend Brigadier General Robert L. Marr that I ran for office in this Company, that I ran for the Finance Committee and then for Second Lieutenant.

I am afraid to mention names, because I know I will leave someone out, but I wish to thank my guests who are seated here, and I wish they would stand for coming here tonight, and I ask you all to give them a resounding applause.

Today during the ceremonies, another slip-up, the Veteran Corps of Artillery for the State of New York, under the leadership of Captain Richard Alan Gregory, was overlooked. Would you please give them a round of applause.

I don't know how many of you have been sergeants, but I want to tell you, those guys worked their butts off this year to help me have a good year, and for that, gentlemen, thank you.

I would like, if he would stand, Anthony Edward Giordano, Captain, United States Marine Corps, just back from Iraq.

There are some other people here that I also would like to mention who are not at the head table. One is the Plymouth County Sheriff, Joseph McDonald, who is here as a guest tonight. Please give him a round of applause.

Every Patriot's Day, Lexington is a second parade. There are two people in this hall who open their home to us every year, and that is Wendy and John Shea. Would they please rise so that we can give them applause. We have a token that we would like to give both of you. It is a cup with our insignia inscribed with today's date. It is our appreciation, thank you, and we look forward to every Patriot's Day at your home.

I know he was here earlier, but is the Clerk of Suffolk County Superior Civil Court Michael Donovan still with us? If so, Michael, would you stand. I first met Michael a long time ago. He does an outstanding job in administering the duties of a very, very busy courthouse.

The next person is New Hampshire State Senator Robert Clegg. Would you please stand. Thank you for keeping Senator Downing in line.

As I said at the outset, I tried to put down the feelings that I had about tonight. After Captain Sweeney took away my gorget today, I decided that I would leave my remarks for my book.

I just sincerely want to thank all of you for being here tonight to hear a great speech from Governor Bush and a great head table. Thank you, gentlemen.

I think that as tradition, we introduce the 20 past captains. And if I could, General Marr, I would like to start with not the most recent, but the most recent.

The 298th Past Captain, Daniel G. May, who took the Company to Argentina.
The 297th Past Captain, Paul E. Morrill, who took the Company to South Africa.
The 296th Past Captain, Colonel William O'Brien, who took us to Las Vegas and New Orleans.
The 295th Past Captain, George M. Morrison, who took us to Iceland and Scotland.
The 294th Past Captain, Colonel Stuart P. Tauber, my Chief of Staff, who took us to Hungary, Slovakia and Austria.
The 293rd Past Captain, Joseph Benoit, who took us to the Cayman Islands, Belize and Mexico.
The 289th Past Captain, Brigadier General Richard Luccio, who took us to Germany and the Czech Republic.

The 288th Past Captain, Captain Paul Mahoney, who took us to England, France and Ireland.
The 287th Past Captain, Captain Roy S. Chase, Sr., who took us to Panama, Costa Rica and Santo Domingo.
The 285th Past Captain, Colonel Ernest C. Caggiano, who took us to Portugal, Malta and Sicily
The 284th Past Captain, Leonard Sacco, who took us to South Africa and Brazil.
The 283rd Past Captain, Reynold P. Graunas, who took us to Hungary and Spain.
The 281st Past Captain, Joseph A. Milano, who took us to Washington, D.C., Tokyo and Thailand.
The 280th Past Captain, M. Joseph DeMatteo, who took us to Germany.
The 276th Past Captain, Colonel Sylvester A. Ray, who took us to Brazil.
The 271st Past Captain, J. Barry Driscoll, who took us to Canada.
The 268th Past Captain, Robert D. Murphy, who took us to India and Yugoslavia
And the 265th Past Commander, the Senior Past Commander, Brigadier General Robert L. Marr, who took us to Russia, Denmark and Ireland.

370th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKER ~ HON. JEB BUSH
2 JUNE 2008

Jeb Bush was elected the 43rd governor of the state of Florida on November 3, 1998, and was reelected by a wide margin in 2002. His second term as Governor ended in January 2007.

Bush earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin and moved to Florida in 1981. With partner Amando Codina, he started a small real estate development company, which grew to become the largest, full-service commercial real estate company in South Florida.

Bush served as Florida's secretary of commerce under Bob Martinez, Florida's 40th governor. As secretary of commerce, he promoted Florida's business climate headline.

Following an unsuccessful bid for Governor in 1994, Bush founded the non-profit Foundation for Florida's Future, which joined forces with the Greater Miami Urban League to establish one of the state's first charter schools. He also co-authored *Profiles in Character*, a book profiling 14 of Florida's civic heroes—people making a difference without claiming a single news headline.

After his election, Bush increased funding for public education and was described as Florida's "Education Governor" by *Florida Trend* magazine. He was tough on crime and worked tirelessly to diversify Florida's economy for the 21st Century, including offering tax relief for individuals and businesses in the state.

Governor Bush put Florida on the forefront of consumer healthcare advances by signing Medicaid reform legislation, "Empowered Care," in June 2006.

Bush is the son of former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush. He lives in Miami with his wife Columba, and they have three children.

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KEYNOTE SPEECH ~ HON. JEB BUSH
2 JUNE 2008

Thank you. Thank you much. Before I begin my remarks, I would like to ask everybody to pause and to reflect or to pray, if you are a prayerful person, for Senator Ted Kennedy, who is in North Carolina today having a very significant and serious operation. If we could just bow our heads and pray.

I'm a huge fan of Ted Kennedy's, not necessarily because of ideology, but because he constantly tries to find ways to get across the divide, the partisan divide, and I think we need statesmen these days that strive to do that each and every time there's a possibility of doing it, kind of in the same sense that existed quite commonly a generation ago, two generations ago. We seem to have lost that way, and Ted Kennedy is one of the lions that continues to do that. And so I know that I speak for everybody in this room in hopes that he recovers quickly and gets back to work, because he is a great American.

Now, another great American, Barbara Bush, is my chief political advisor. (Applause) I told my mom I was speaking to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, and she actually knew what it was, and she was very impressed I was invited to come to speak here. It kind of intimidated me, because she told me how important this speech was.

So I said, "Mom, what should I speak about?" Now, she's the chief political advisor of all male Bushes, I guess, and she said, "Jeb, speak about 30 minutes." And I vowed to keep within that amount so that we can finish -- I think there's filet mignon next. So I'm going to do my to keep it way within that.

But it is a joy to be here, and I'm really thankful to be here. I thought I would talk a little bit about, was asked to talk about leadership. I was Governor of the State of Florida. Many of you are Floridians, not necessarily by citizenship but my real estate, for which we're very, very grateful, and you have a little sense of what it's like to be in Florida.

Florida is a state that moves forward ten steps and then moves back twenty, five steps forward, one step back. It's a very dynamic place. Its history is rich, but we've kind of thrown that away, and we're always focused on the future. It's a place where people come to pursue their dreams.

It is, in fact, very much like, I think, what the United States is going to look like going forward: lots of immigrants, lots of older people. Florida is a leader in that way, and it's a very dynamic place.

I got to be Governor of this wacky state, and along the way I learned a few lessons that I thought I would share with you.

One of the things I learned, though, is that if you come in to be an advocate of change, and that's the term that's used in politics these days quite a bit, then you need to take risks. It's okay to say, "I want change," but change only happens when you take risks. We know that in our own personal lives. We certainly know it in our businesses.

And in government, taking a risk is quite dangerous, because the minute you take a risk, your head is cut off before you're even successful or fail. And failure is not tolerated in government and in politics. It's a pretty cutthroat business these days. So many politicians kind of don't try to take risks in order to change things, and so they become experts perhaps at talking about it but not doing it.

I had the chance, because I had a great team of people that I worked with, a compliant sometimes and supportive Legislature, to change a lot of things. So I learned a little bit about how you manage risk and how you manage change in a time of great turmoil. Florida is really on the cutting edge of a lot of the changes that take place.

So to give you some examples over the last eight years in Florida, we eliminated affirmative action and replaced it with a system that is based on one equal standard for all. We have more African Americans and Hispanic students attending our universities than before.

We eliminated the Civil Service system and went to a private sector employment system. We didn't fire a bunch of people, but we could fire people based on incompetence. I know that sounds like a radical idea for government to propose, but it actually worked. We didn't actually have to fire people, because they began to work more on behalf of the people of the state.

We cut taxes $20 billion. I think I'm the first governor to consistently cut taxes in the state of Florida. We reduced the work force in state government by 12,000, but at the same time, the private sector created more jobs -- 1.4 million jobs in eight years -- than any other state in the country.

We elevated the bond rating of the state to Triple A, in spite of not having an excuse-me-for-living tax or a tax for the air you breathe or any of the other taxes that many state governments now have.

And we created reserves of $8 billion, totaling $8 billion, using prudent fiscal policy to try to save for the rainy day. Who knows, for example, when there might be eight hurricanes and four tropical storms in a 16-month period? Thank goodness we had those reserves to be able to take care of Floridians in their time of need.

And sometimes there were conflicts. There was occasionally a conflict with the Legislature. I don't know if your governor has that problem with you, but in Florida, in spite of the fact that we had Republicans most of the time in charge, the Governor and the Legislature by nature -- and you all will understand this, being from Massachusetts, that part of the founding of our country was designed for conflict.

And I had my conflicts with the Legislature, and I had to -- in Florida we don't call it pork, as they call it in Washington. I don't know what it's called in Massachusetts, but in Washington, line items are pork. In Florida we use the other white meat: We call them turkeys. And I had the chance and opportunity to veto 2,558 individual line items in the budget, totaling $2.5 billion, earning me a nickname that I'm quite proud of, Veto Corleone.

In fact, I vetoed a bill, a line item in the budget called "Where You At." It might have been a good program, I don't know, but it was a program for the Department of Juvenile Justice. It was vetoed because of bad grammar, in honor of my mother.

So along the way I learned through trial and error, really -- I didn't have a set way of doing these things -- about aspects of leadership that I would like to share with you, because I do think that we should be encouraging public leaders to be more adventuresome, if you will, more risk-taking, more focused on their ideas for their implementation, and we should tolerate their risk-taking more than we do today.

The first aspect of leadership that I would like to share with you is that I think people in government or in business, leaders, need to ask the "Why not?" question. "Why not?" is better than "Why?" because "Why not?" makes people defend the status quo.

And in the world we're living in, there is a chance to make everything better. There is no way that you can defend the status quo; there's always a better way of doing things. And we should be aspiring, I think, to continuous improvement, we should challenge every basic assumption along the way and improve things as we go along, and the first step is asking the "Why not?" question.

My first week in office I had a chance to start doing this. Had I done this my eighth year in office, I would have probably been able to solve this puzzle that I will share with you probably in a couple of hours, but this took six months.

So I'm walking from the Governor's mansion to the State Capitol, and I look up at our old State Capitol, not quite as old as yours, but relatively old, and I see an American flag, as it should be, and a POW flag. There is no state flag in 1999 at the State Capitol in Florida.

I don't believe there's any other state capitol that doesn't have a state flag on top of it. In fact when my brother was inaugurated as the Governor of the State of Texas in 1994 -- I went as a guest -- there were probably 5,000 Texas flags and maybe one or two American flags in the crowd, to show you the difference in culture between our states.

And so I went into my office, newly elected Governor, thinking I had this awesome power, and I said, "What is going on here? We need to have a state flag on top of our State Capitol." And I was told that, by law, the POW flag flies, as it should be, the American flag obviously flies, and there is not enough space on the flag pole for a state flag. So therefore for years, Florida has not had a state flag.
And I said, "Why not?" I kept asking the "Why not?" question, to the point where literally six months later a committee comes to me with a budget request for $550,000 to build a bigger flag pole to put the state flag on. I'm a relatively conservative guy, and that didn't suit me well. So I kept asking the "Why not?" question, and finally I got an e-mail from a mid-level civil servant working in the Department of Management Services that had two words on it: "Smaller flags."

And so now, when you come to Tallahassee, you will see a flag pole that has three flags on it, at no additional cost to the taxpayers, including the Florida flag.

The question really is, if you have enough intellectual curiosity as a leader, you can solve problems quicker than it took me, which was six months. And I think having that rambunctious nature, if you will, having a sense of curiosity about how to do things better creates a culture in your organization that will improve things. In fact, as I said, in the eighth year that would have taken a couple of hours to solve rather than six months.

The second thing leaders need to do is, I think, to have lofty aspirational goals. Leaders need to lead, and they need to lead people towards something. And while I fought a lonely battle -- I'm here with a lot of people in the military. You can appreciate this. Folks in the military have more acronyms than actual words in the English language and state government certainly has its fair share as well. I fought a lonely battle against acronyms, but there was one acronym that I really thought was powerful, which was BHAGs. Have you ever heard of a BHAG? A BHAG is a big, hairy, audacious goal.

And leaders need to be about BHAGs. They need to be about big things, not little things. You need to create the agenda that people will follow. And so in Florida I was trying to be all about BHAGs. I stole other people's ideas as best I could and created these goals, one of which was to make Florida the most military-friendly state in the country. I think we always had a sympathy and we were supportive of the military, but there was not a strategy to each and every day develop laws and rules and practices to make Florida the most military-friendly state in the country.

The first thing we did -- and, General, I would urge the Governor of Massachusetts to steal this idea from the old guy from Florida -- was to create a Base Commanders meeting, where we had all of the Base Commanders, some 30 of them in the state or 35, to come to Tallahassee. We met twice a year at one military base or another or in Tallahassee to hear their views about what the State could do to make Florida more military friendly. And every idea that was worthy, which were most of them, we implemented.

For example, they were concerned about encroachment. In a fast-growing state like Florida, problems with encroachment create NIMBYism, and then people don't want to have their bases because of a runway being too close to a home or whatever the reason is. So we began to buy properties around the bases to preserve them for conservation purposes and also to protect their military use.

It was very hard to eliminate a historic designation for a warehouse or something that needed to be modernized so that the bases were effective and efficient for the United States military. We changed kind of the attitude about historic designations to focus on the most historic things rather than making it impossible for the military to reinvest on their bases.

There were title loans in our state. I assume you have -- maybe you don't have a similar problem, but many places around the country prey on enlisted men and women by charging outrageous interest on loans, 200, 300 percent per annum loans, literally putting these stores to sell these loans to enlisted men and women at the front of the base. We eliminated, we outlawed title loans in the State of Florida.

We made it possible for spouses of military men and women that were serving on our bases to be able to have their teacher's license or their professional license changed so that they could immediately begin to work in our state. We created a $5 million program for our Guard and for Reservists to be able to provide money, emergency money for their families while they were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. On anything that they needed that was legitimate, they received this, not loan, but grant from the State of Florida. We eliminated college tuition for servicemen and women that died in the line of duty.

The point being that big, hairy, audacious goals create a sense of organization around things. And Florida today, if it's not the most military state in the country, it's close to it. And as a result of that, when the BRAC process started, Florida increased the number of people serving on these bases by 5,000 people, which was the second highest in the country. And we were there to constantly be focused on improving the lot of the folks that serve us with such great distinction in the military.

I'll tell you the thing that the military enjoyed the most that we got the greatest support from was the deep discount for hunting and fishing licenses that we provided for people in the Guard and Reserves. So if you have any children or you yourself end up serving in the military in Florida, you can get the Platinum Card for something like $20, which costs 150 bucks, which is the fishing and hunting license all year round. It's the best deal anybody gets from state government.

The third thing I would suggest to you --by the way, don't you think our country probably could use a couple of BHAGs right now? My list would include entitlement reform, energy security, and a command focus on a transformed education system that is focused on lifelong learning, so that we are competitive.

But everybody's got their own BHAGs, and we should be urging people that aspire to public life to advocate those types of policies and then have the courage of their convictions to be substantive enough, with enough detail, so that people know they're serious to implement them.

The third thing I learned as Governor is that leaders need to stick with it. And there are enough lessons in history on this, as we sit in Boston, a place of tremendous history, for you all to appreciate this. But I think we're living in the here-and-now too much now in our own lives, and public life is much more focused on immediate gratification.

And I love people that aspire to serve and are focused on the long-term things. I admire -- Winston Churchill was probably the greatest leader of the 20th century because of that. Thank goodness that Winston Churchill showed dogged determination and stuck to his beliefs and was called upon by his country and the world to lead us through perhaps the most perilous time in the 20th century.

I believe my brother will be recognized as someone who had determination to keep this country safe. Historians will look on him differently than the pundits of today, of the here-and-now. His determination is something that should be admired.

And people in public life need to have a plan, and then they need to have the determination to stick with it. The best words on this subject that I've heard are from Ben Franklin. Sorry, he's from Philadelphia, not Boston. But Ben Franklin said, "Little strokes fell great oaks." It's doing the little things over and over and over again with determination that can change the world. And that's what we need now in leadership and private life, as well as in public life.

The fourth thing that I've learned through the school of hard knocks is that, in order to communicate, which is essential in leadership in a complex world, you have to listen. And it's hard to listen when you're in a position of responsibility, where everybody thinks you've already got it figured out. In fact, sadly, I think people expect politicians to have all the answers, and they treat them in a way that's quite dangerous. Sometimes it's important to have humility, which you gain from listening before you have an opinion.

And so as Governor, what I tried to do was to use my Blackberry, believe it or not. And I got 550,000 e-mails to my private e-mail account as a means to stay connected with people. And you all can try it out, if you like: Jeb@Jeb.org.

I got e-mails from people from all over the world, mostly from Florida. My first year I got an e-mail from a 90-year-old woman from West Palm Beach who told me -- she sent me an e-mail, which I was pretty impressed with. She said, "Jeb, I'm 90 years old." And 90-year-old women using the Internet is pretty cool. And so she says, "I have a varmint in my attic. What the hell are you going to do about it?" I kid you not.

So I called up the city manager of West Palm Beach and said, "This lady sent me an e-mail saying she had a varmint in her attic," and I asked this guy, "What the hell are you going to do about it?" And in fact at the end of the day, literally at the end of the day, the raccoon was taken out of her attic, and I proudly reported back to her that it was solved.

That ability to connect now is so much easier than it was before, and there is no excuse for people in public life or people in leadership positions not to stay connected with their stakeholders, with their employees, with their shareholders, with their customers.

We should be much more transparent to listen first before we have an opinion. And then when we have an opinion on complex issues that are important, what I learned was, you have to stick with it. You can't expect people to be listening front and center to everything that you say. We're cluttered with information, and using creative means to communicate is an essential part of leadership.

The final thing I would suggest to you is that leaders in every walk of life need to say what they're going to do, and then they need to do what they said they were going to do. The disconnect amongst people in politics, the people that are voters and citizens of this country and politicians, I think, is that there is a disbelief that people, when they run for office, will actually do what they said they're going to do. The cynicism is too high for a country as great as our country to be able to reach our full potential.

My hope and prayer is that this election creates a climate where the candidates are big and bold; where they say what they believe in enough detail that people will believe that it actually is true; and then they will do whatever they can to actually complete the circle, to do what they said they were going to do, to restore a sense of confidence about public leadership at a time when we desperately need it.

This country continues to be the greatest, freest country and the most prosperous, by the way, country on the face of the earth. But we're imperiled. We're not as confident as we once were. And I believe it's important for us, all of us, in whatever way we can to encourage leaders that aspire to public service to do so in big and bold ways and then to encourage them to take the risks necessary to carry out what their plans are.

There is enough to do between now and the next decade of time to solve the challenges we face, to take advantage of the opportunities that exist. And if we, as a people, allow our elected

officials to do that, encourage them to do it, demand it when appropriate, this country will continue to be the greatest, freest, most prosperous country on the face of the earth. And because of that, what you all do through this organization and through all the other things you do truly matters. I encourage your continued involvement in civic and political life.

You're making a huge difference, and God bless you.

370th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
REMARKS FROM OUT-GOING COMMANDER
CAPTAIN JOHN E. BRADLEY
2 JUNE 2008

To my fellow Ancients and our honored guests:

Welcome to the 370th Anniversary Banquet of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. It is time to celebrate a year's passing and look toward the year to come.

Another wonderful and eventful Company year has come to conclusion. Today I relinquish command and we welcome CPT Jerome V. Sweeney II as our 300th Captain Commanding. Think about that on-going tradition.

As a Company we can reflect proudly on the year just passed. We have accomplished much this year. Our Fall Field day Tour of Duty journey to Bucharest, Romania was high-lighted by the erection and dedication of our monument to the brave American airmen who lost their lives in Romania during the WW II struggle to liberate Europe from the evil of Nazism. In England we renewed our bonds to our British brethren with or rededication of the plaque at Captain Keayne's Windsor birthplace and with the flag ceremony aboard HMS Victory.

As the year progressed we proudly participated in celebrating "America's Hometown" as we marched in their marvelous Thanksgiving parade. We raised thousands of dollars for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Our annual Toys-For-Tots Christmas party sent our Marine Corps Reserve brethren off with hundreds of gifts for underprivileged children. In March we raised over $40,000 in one evening for the USO of New England, an incredible accomplishment! Also, in March I lead a delegation of four members, joined by five members of the Houroable Artillery Company to Runnymede to plant a tree in honor of our late member President John F. Kennedy. The tree is just behind the "bench of contemplation." These events are *Fact non Verba* in action. We should be proud to tell our story every day to the citizens of Boston and the Commonwealth.

With our ceremonial and patriotic activities we have been there to support the Mayor and/or the Governor for Independence Day, for Veterans Day at the State House, for Patriots Day, for events of state and whenever called to provide honor guards for visiting dignitaries; every time we have been asked to render service we have been ready and willing.

A man is judged by the company he keeps and I have been blessed this year, indeed for the nearly 39 years I have been enrolled, to keep company with a cohort of outstanding, patriotic gentlemen. I look forward to our continuing Company endeavors.

With warmest regards and deepest respect,

CPT John E. Bradley
299th Captain Commanding

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

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Activities or Reports of Committees

COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard participated in the Town of Hingham annual ceremonies honoring President Abraham Lincoln and Major General Benjamin Lincoln P.C. AHAC 1188. The ceremony began in the Old Ship Church with other militia companies participating. The AHAC Color Guard the program with Presentation of Color after patriotic muser and speeches. The participants reformed on the street for a brief march to Fountain Square where wreaths were laid at the monuments of both Lincolns, salutes were fired. The group which consisted of town officials and residents marched back to a reception at Old Derby Academy, next to the Old Ship Church. The weather was blustery and very windy. The Color as usual looked great and were whipping smoothly.

Participation:
MSGT Gerald F. Kelly, Sergeant in Command
SSGT Michael Culley
SSGT Brian O'Mally
SSGT Peter Bertello
SSGT John Sassinorg
SSGT Jack Tassinari

Respectfully Submitted by:
MSGT Gerald F. Kelly

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The members of the Finance Committee of the AHAC met during the fiscal year 2007-2008 to consider and vote on Company issues. Budgets for June Day, the 370th FFDTD, Fall Shoot, Lieutenants' Ball and numerous other financial matters were resolved. The Committee met with the Captain, Lieutenants and members of the Company for assistance is resolving issues that came before the Committee.

In accordance with Company Rules, the Finance Committee shall prepare an operation budget to establish the dues for Company members. The Committee, working with the Captain and Lieutenants, arrived at a reasonable budget Dues were determined and presented to the Company

To summarize, the Finance Committee was very active for the year dealing with many challenges. Working closely with the Captain, members of the Command Staff and Company members, the Year was successful.

Respectfully Submitted By:

LT Charles J. Deegan, Chairman
LT Gerard C. McCarthy, Secretary
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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

2007 - 2008 YEAR END REPORT
OF
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

LT Cornelius J. O'Leary, Chairman
CPT Robert J. Brady, Vice Chairman
LT Bradford Pottle, Secretary
Members: CPT Charles J. McCarthy. Jr., CPT George M. Morrison, PC, LT Marc McNulty, CDR Francis S. Pierce, Sgt John S. Mitchell, SGT Nicholas Schiarizzi, LT Robert S. Tringali

- The Committee held eight meetings this vear. An additional one will be held in May.
- Developed a mission statement for the Committee.
- Held a reception for prospective new members on March 5, 2008 that included a power-point presentation about the Company.
- Developed a new brochure about the Company and distributed copies to members of the Company. Plan to include the brochure in a future mailing to all the members.
- Proposed a Rule change to Rule 319 establishing this Committee in the Company's Rules and Regulations.
- Each meeting included an Agenda and Meeting Minutes.
- Committee identified the need for a three-year and live year plan tor recruiting new members. Will be completed and presented in September 2008.
- Identified several issues in the Company that need to be addressed from setting up a charitable foundation, to uniforms, to mentoring, to training new members about the Company, to interviewing former members.
- As a first year Committee a lot of time was spent in trying to define the Committee role and then plan on how to involve the Company membership in Recruitment.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

During the year 2007-2008, under John E. Bradley CC, the Membership Committee acted favorably on the following applicants.

Robert L. Bushway
CPL Arthur K. Campbell
Robert A. Colasanti
Manuel R. Costa
John D. Corell
COL Richard Crivello
SSG James T. Downey
SSG Brian S. Kane
Gerald Manning
MAJ Phillip J. McGovern
Damian D. Meola, DMD
Stephen E. Morrill
Timothy J. Nolan
COL Charles J. O'Connor
SSGT Chandler J. Ruehrwein
CAPT Peter K. Siebert
PFC Franklin W. Simon
MAJ Daniel R. Sweeney
Steven M. Tuner
SPC Daniel R. Tringali
William J. Watt
Wilson W.M. Wong

All applicants were elected by a confirmation vote of the Company. In addition, the following gentlemen were voted on and accepted as Right of Descent members.

Richard N. Andriano-Moore
MAJ Frederick L. Dressler
William C. Fitts
James R. Hancock
PFC Henry C. Howells
Dr. Thomas M. Leland
SMN George A. Lipphardt
Michael A. Maldonado
COL Wayne H. Nelson
Dr. John M. Patten
Richard B. Patten
Malcolm R. Schade
Toni R. Turk

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lt. Marc McNulty
Membership Committee Chairman

MILITARY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY COMITTEE

Your Military Museum and Library Committee held seven meetings during this year. The expenses were kept within the budget for the year.

During the past year the Company received 13 tangibles items as gifts. A list of gifts is attached to and made part of this report and marked "A".

The Century Box is presently located in the Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point in Boston. Our curator and a member of the committee viewed the box and photographed it in March, 2008 and report it is in good condition.

An inventory of all items in the museum and library is ongoing and progressive.

A biography of our members from 1888 to 2000 has been almost completed by the Curator and will be published when completed.

The Committee has planned the first every exhibit at the Museum, which will take place from 4 July 2008 through 15 August 2008. This will be under the Co-Chairmanship of committee contributions of our Curator, Doctor John F. McCauley. The details of this exhibit will be published shortly.

Approximately 35000 people visited our museum during the year.

Respectfully Submitted By:

LTC. Salvatore F. Stramondo, Chairman

MILITARY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE
GIFTS TO THE COMPANY
2007-2008

2076 Framed Seal o the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Gift of the Massachusetts Air National Guard

2077 Photograph o the 1996-1997 Sergeants with Captain Commanding & Adjutant
Gift of Michael Biskup

2078 Proclamation from the Washington Light Infantry to AHAC on their visit to Charleston SC

2079 Plaque with brass inscription of the Thailand Arms Insignia and 55 stars
Gift of LT General Boongvang Niumpradt of Thailand

2080 Sword and Scabbard of Eugene Howell, 1 St Sergeant of Artillery, 1929-1930

2081 Lithograph; "Review of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia", Concord, 1859
Gift of Robert Shea

2082 Framed Envelope from USO "In appreciation of your support"

2083 Plaque from Congressional Medial of Honor Society for support of the Society Meeting 2006

2084 2 Framed photo from FFDTD to Argentina " Calle de los Supires" - 1936

2085 Sword stainless steel, fancy guard
Presentation by 2nd Corps of Cadets in Salem at their annual Muster Day
19 April 2008

LIBRARY

57-011 IMPACT
Taking the War to the Foe
The Army Air Forces Confidential Picture History of WWII
National Historical Society 1989
Gift o Col Arthur Maccatti

57-012 410 DAYS IN EAST TIMOR
LT General Boongreng Niumpradt
Gift from author, September 2007

57-103 La Colonia Sacramento
From FFDTD to Argentina 2006

PERMANENT FUND

Captain Commanding John Bradley
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Report of the Permanent Fund

The company year of 2007 to 2008 saw little growth in the market as a whole, with the fund decreasing in total value from $2,537,760 to $2,4417,800. We are pleased to report that through the Trustees investment policy and strategies allowed for a significant distribution to the company. The disbursement at the end of Captain Bradley's year was $100,177. This sum represents the largest payment to date.

During the company year of 2007 to 2008 the Roy Rioux Gift fund rose to a value of $220,361. Disbursements during this year included $10,000 which was paid towards the debt from an earlier cancelled Fall Field Day Tour of Duty, a replacement for the companies computer server and a contribution to a memorial commission by Captain Bradley.

The Trustees are continuing to endeavor to provide income to the company and to continue to grow the permanent fund.

Drafted by Lt. Dennis O'Brien for the Trustees

Respectfully,
Lt. Michael Biskup, Chairman
Cpt John Rocco, Secretary
Col Robert Welch, Jr.
Lt. Dennis O'Brien, Treasurer
Lt. Domenic Previte

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
PROTOCOL COMMITTEE REPORT 2007-2008

26 January 2009

The Protocol Committee, appointed by Captain Commanding John Bradley, met to discuss AHAC protocol issues eight times, beginning on June 11, 2007. Officers for the year were: Chairman BG John W. Carlson, Vice Chairman LT Michael Dorn. and Secretary COL James Littleton.

At the first meeting the Chairman announced that the mam thrust of the committee would be a senes of 5-8 minute presentations to the Company throughout the year The committee then discussed issues that might be presented during the year. This gave the committee a new activity designed to increase awareness in the membership of proper conduct under several conditions. It was agreed that US Army regulations and methods of protocol would serve as the guide. The chairman conducted all sessions during the year.

Four Committee members volunteered to assist the commander during the Annual Fall Field tour of duly, in matters of protocol. At the Company's pre-trip meeting on September 17, a short lecture by the chairman, offered advice on conduct in certain Situations and proper forms of address. The national anthems of the countries to be visited were sung by committee member LT Franklin Zarba, and the national colors were shown. A condensed acculturation occurred.

On President's Day the Protocol Committee went to work greeting, and assisting invited guests as they arrived at Faneuil Hall. It was a first time challenge for the committee that went well. Lessons learned from the project will be applied to future such events.

June Day brought assignments for committee members who, during the course of the day, were asked to note discrepancies in behavior of Ancients relating to protocol (saluting at proper times, etc.) and in the conduct of events. That evening a band of ten members gathered in the Park Plaza lobby to spot invited guests (particularly ranking military officers, but others of note) and escort them to the Captain's room for his reception.

In all. it was a productive year for the committee, with thanks to the Captain for his ideas, and interest in giving the group a higher visibility role and the opportunity to be of service to the Company.

Respectfully submitted:

John W. Carlson
Brigadier General
United States Army, Retired
Chairman

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

Changes in Personnel

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED
JUNE 2007 – JUNE 208

SSG Brian S. Kane	(R)
Timothy J. Nolan	(R)
MAJ Daniel R. Sweeney, SJ	(R)
SPC Daniel R. Tringali	(R)
John A. Welsch	(R)
Robert L. Bushway	(R)
John D. Covell	(R)
Gerald Manning	(R)
Damian D. Meola, DMD	(R)
CAPT Peter K. Seibert	(R)
MAJ Federick L. Dressler	(ROD)
Richard E. Patten	(ROD)
COL Charles J. O'Connor, III	(R)
Wilson Wm. Wong	(R)
Manuel R. Costa	(R)
Steven M. Turner	(R)
Richard N. Andriano-Moore	(ROD)
SMN Geoge A. Lipphardt	(ROD)
COL H. Wayne Nelson	(ROD)
PFC Franklin W. Simon	(R)
James R. Hancock	(ROD)
William C. Fitts	(ROD)
PFC Henry C. Howels, IV	(ROD)
PFC Thomas M. Kennedy	(ROD)
Dr. Thomas M. Leland	(ROD)
Dr. John M. Patten, Jr.	(ROD)
Gregory B. Smith	(ROD)
William J. Watt	(R)
Michael A. Maldonado	(ROD)
Malcolm R. Schade	(ROD)
Toni R. Turk	(ROD)
COL Richard V. Crivello	(R)
MAJ Philip J. McGovern	(R)
Stephen E. Morrill	(R)
SSG Chandler J. Ruehrwein	(R)

MEMBERS LOST BY
DEATH AND DISCHARGES

George B. Barner	(D)
LT Paul J. Brighton	(HD)
CPT James E. Clair, Jr.	(D)
MAJ Philip F. Coury	(D)
Robert A. D'Auria	(D)
Brian F. Downing	(HD)
BG Donald P. Dressler	(D)
SGT Herbert T. Duane, Jr.	(HD)
BG James L. Duff	(D)
SGT Eugene A. Fortine	(D)
LT Walter G. Leonard	(D)
CPT Stanley M. Lewis	(D)
MG Arnold R. Maccollum	(D)
COL Thomas J. McGrimley	(D)
LT Frederick L. Morrill	(D)
CPT Benjamin B. Morrill	(HD)
SGT Lothar Ortmeier	(HD)
BG Kenneth H. Pascoe	(HD)
LT William A. Regan	(HD)
SGT Leo Regazzini	(D)
SP3 Herbert D. Schofield	(D)
Richard Solano	(HD)
SSG Stephen E. Stafford, Jr.	(HD)
PVT James B. Stone, II	(D)
LT Joseph J. Walsh	(D)

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2007 *2008*

Roster of Members

HONOR ROLL OF PAST COMMANDERS

265TH	BG Robert L. Marr	1974-1975	Moscow/Copenhagen/Ireland
266th	COL Ernest J. Montillio*	1975-1976	Romeo/Tel Aviv/Jerusalem
267th	MG John F. Cremens*	1976-1977	Rio de Janeiro
268th	CPT Robert D. Murphy	1977-1978	India/Yugoslavia
269th	MG James A. Lynch, JR.	1978-1979	London/Brussels
270th	LCDR George E. Penzola*	1979-1980	Montreal/San Juan PR
271st	CPT J. Barry Driscoll	1980-1981	Ottawa/Vancouver
272nd	CDR Herbert Tonry*	1981-1982	Honolulu/San Francisco
273rd	COL William F. DiPesa*	1982-1983	Australia/New Zealand
274th	COL Frederick A. York*	1983-1984	Korea/Hong Kong
275th	BG Joseph S. Loughman*	1984-1984	Completed York`s term
276th	COL Sylvester A. Ray	1984-1985	Rio de Janeiro
277th	BG Joseph S. Loughman*	1985-1986	Hamburg/Copenhagen
278th	BG William P. Koughan	1986-1987	Helsinki/Leningrad/Stockholm
279th	CPT Paul R. Tierney*	1987-1988	London/Rome
280th	LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	1988-1989	Munich/Berlin
281st	BG Joseph A Milano	1989-1990	Tokyo/Bangkok
282nd	MAJ Arthur E. Nashawaty*	1990-1991	Monaco/Amsterdam
283rd	BG Reynold P. Graunas	1991-1992	Budapest/Spain
284th	COL Leonard J. Sacco	1992-1993	South Africa/Rio de Janeiro
285th	COL Ernest C. Caggiano	1993-1994	Portugal/Malta/Sicily
286th	COL John F. McNulty	1994-1995	Australia/New Zealand
287th	CPT Roy S. Chase	1995-1996	Costa Rica/Panama/San Domingo
288th	CPT Paul J. Mahoney	1996-1997	London/Paris/Ireland
289th	BG Richard A. Luccio	1997-1998	Munich/Prague
290th	CPT Louis A Zuliani*	1998-1999	Rome/Berlin
291st	COL John A. Moore	1999-2000	Ottawa/Banff/Vancouver
292nd	BG Albert G. Fiorenza	2000-2001	Helsinki/Tallinn
293rd	CPT Joseph C. Benoit	2001-2002	Cayman/Belize/Mexico/Honduras
294th	COL Stuart P. Tauber	2002-2003	Budapest/Bratislava/Vienna
295th	CPT George M. Morison	2003-2004	Scotland/Ireland
296th	COL William J. O'Brien	2004-2005	New Orleans/Las Vegas
297th	CPT Paul E. Morrill	2005-2006	Cape Town/Zambia
298th	CPT Daniel G. May	2006-2007	Buenos Aires

** Deceased Past-Commanders*

HONORARY MEMBERS

CPT Jack Lucas, CMH

HON William F. Weld

MEMBERS (R, S AND L)

CPT James C. Abare (L)
COL Charles A. Abdella (L)
Anthony L. Agnitti (R)
CDR John H. Akoury (R)
George T. Albrecht (R)
COL Raoul H. Alcala (R)
CDR Max J. Allen (S)
CPT Arthur G. Allen (R)
MAJ Frank G. Allen Jr. (S)
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BG Joseph T. Amendolare (L)
LT Peter Antell (R)
LT George S. Anzuoni (S)
COL Anthony J. Aprile (S)
CPT Richard D. Armstrong, Jr. (L)
COL Thomas P. Arnott (L)
Leon Asadoorian (L)
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Raymond C. Beattie III (R)
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COL Leo E. Bourdon, Jr. (S)
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SGT Arthur A. Buonopane (R)
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SSG Adalino Cabral (L)
David P. Cacciola (S)
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CAPT Herbert C. Caldwell (L)
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COL Michael F. Campaniello (L)
LTC Edward T. Canniff, Jr. (L)
COL Richard C. Caparso (L)
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LT Gary J. Litchfield (L)
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LTC Paul A. LoConte (L)
SGT Robert J. Long (R)
SGT Gardner H. Lord (S)
LT Antonio J. Lorusso, Jr. (R)
LT Peter L. Lou,MD (R)
LT Raymond E. Lovely (L)
CPL Peter M. Lovely (R)
CSM Robert A. Lucas (R)
BG Richard A. Luccio, PC (L)
Kenneth W. Luke (R)
Stephen P. Lukos (R)
SSG Eugene D. Lussier (R)
LT James M. Lydon (S)
LTC Edward J. Lydon (S)
LT James A. Lynch III (L)
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